

Ollscoil na hÉireann

The National University of Ireland, Galway

**FINAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION
PSYCHIATRY**

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Time Allowed: Three hours

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ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY**QUESTIONS 1 & 2 ARE COMPULSORY**

1. Discuss the special factors and risks you would take into consideration when prescribing antidepressant medication for a 78 year old man.
2. A 45 year old man becomes acutely disturbed with paranoid delusions, auditory and visual hallucinations four days after admission with a fractured femur.

List in order of preference your differential diagnosis with the additional information likely to clarify the diagnosis.

ANSWER TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS

- 3 (a) Discuss the factors which should be taken into account by a G.P. in deciding whether to place a depressed 30 year old physically healthy new patient on antidepressant medication.
- (b) Outline a suitable protocol which should be followed once the patient has been prescribed an antidepressant.
4. Compare and contrast the clinical features of the conditions Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa. Outline the treatment of one of these conditions.
5. Define and describe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Name one medication and one type of psychotherapy likely to help this condition.

PLEASE USE SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK FOR QUESTION 6.

6. In order to help mitigate adverse emotional consequences, what advice should a General Practitioner give to the parents of a 3 year old boy whose hospital admission he has arranged.

