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ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICINE

Part I Examination

Sample Paper (2½ hours)

Paper IIA

Candidates must answer **all** parts of this question

Style, clear grammatical English and legibility will be taken into consideration by the Examiners. Answers should be written in a form appropriate to the audience specified in the question. Weighting of marks for each part of the question is shown in parenthesis.

**DO NOT OPEN PAPER UNTIL THE
INVIGILATOR INSTRUCTS YOU TO BEGIN**

You work in a publicly funded health system which is free at the point of service delivery. The local primary care services are keen to improve their management of depression. They cite the attached paper: "Randomised trial of monitoring, feedback, and management of care by telephone to improve treatment of depression in primary care" (BMJ 2000;**320**;550-554) by Simon *et al.* They seek your help as an Administrative Medicine practitioner to appraise and possibly implement the findings of this paper.

1. In fewer than 400 words, write a structured abstract of the study. (10 marks)
2. Explain what the authors were trying to establish in this research. Make particular reference to previous research. (5 marks)
3.
 - a) What criterion was used to determine how an individual was analysed?
 - b) What is this technique called, how is it performed, and why is it used?
 - c) What evidence can be cited in judging the patient acceptability of the intervention? (10 marks)

4. Comment on:
 - The evidence that might suggest any possible mechanisms that could explain the positive effect; (5 marks)
 - The evidence that would favour, or be a barrier to, the generalisability of the study. (10 marks)
5. In fewer than 100 words, summarise what this research evidence adds to our present knowledge of treating depression in primary care. (5 marks)
6. What advice would you give to the local primary care services about the specific steps that you would need to take together, if you wanted to plan a similar programme? (5 marks)

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