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ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICINE

Part I Examination

Tuesday 5 June 2007

13:30 – 16:00 (2½ hours)

Paper IIA

Candidates must answer all parts of this questions

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.

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INSTRUCTS YOU TO BEGIN**

Answer questions 1 to 7 by making reference to journal article provided: “Halfon P, Eggli Y, Pretre-Rohrback I, Meylan D, Marazzi A, Burnand B. Validation of the potentially avoidable hospital readmission rate as a routine indicator of the quality of hospital care. Medical Care. 2006(Nov); 44(11): 972 – 81”.

1. In no more than 400 words, write a structured abstract of the study. (20%)
2. Discuss the background and rationale behind this study. Make particular reference to previous research. (10%)
3. What did the authors try to achieve in this study? (5%)
4. Discuss in general the main determinants for judging the value of a quality indicator. Explain which of them were particularly addressed in the study? (20%)
5. Discuss measures taken by the authors to ensure usefulness of the indicator examined, and to what extent has this been successful? (25%)
6. Point out and discuss the limitations of this study. (10%)
7. How would you advise the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority to make use of the indicator and how can it be effectively implemented? (10%)

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