

University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate

Biomedical Admissions Test

Wednesday 3 November 2004 Morning 30 minutes

SECTION 3 Writing Task

Instructions to Candidates

Please read this page carefully, but do not open this question paper until you are told that you may do so.

A separate answer sheet is provided for this section. Please check you have one.

Please first write your Biomedical Admissions Test candidate number and centre number in the spaces provided on the answer sheet. Please write very clearly.

This question paper contains a choice of three tasks, of which you must answer only **one**. It also provides space in which you may make any preliminary notes you wish, but your answer must be written on the single page answer sheet.

The tasks each provide an opportunity for you to show how well you can

- select, develop and organise ideas and
- communicate them effectively in writing.

Before you begin writing, take time to think carefully about what you need to say and the ways in which the organisation and layout of your response might help convey your message. Diagrams etc. may be used if they enhance communication.

Take care to show how well you can write and be concise, clear and accurate.

Dictionaries may NOT be used.

Remember that when you are told that you may begin you will have only 30 minutes to choose and complete your task, and that your complete response must be contained on the single page provided for your answer. The disciplines involved in this are regarded as key features of the task.

Please wait to be told you may begin before turning this page.

This paper consists of 2 printed pages and 2 blank pages.

Use this space and the back page for notes *etc.* if you wish. Remember that your response must be written on the single page answer sheet provided.

YOU MUST ANSWER ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1 Individual freedom and the rule of law are mutually incompatible.

Write a unified essay in which you address the following:

What might be the grounds for making this assertion? Give a reasoned argument against the proposition. How can the concepts of freedom and law be reconciled in a real society?

2 There is more to healing than the application of scientific knowledge.

Write a unified essay in which you address the following:

Briefly define 'scientific knowledge'. Explain how it might be argued that medical treatment that is not wholly based on scientific knowledge is worthless. Discuss whether there can be approaches to healing that are valid but not amenable to scientific experiment.

3 Our genes evolved for a Stone Age life style. Therefore, we must adopt Stone Age habits if we are to be healthy.

Write a unified essay in which you address the following:

Explain the logical connexion between the two sentences. What might be the practical implications if we were to agree with the reasoning? Discuss the extent to which the argument is valid.

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