ADVICE ON HOW TO COMPLETE
THE PRIMARY MCQ EXAMINATION

The question paper consists of a Question Booklet containing 90 multiple choice questions (MCQ) in three hours, comprising of three subsections, approximately: 30 questions in pharmacology; 30 questions in physiology, including related biochemistry and anatomy; and 30 questions in physics, clinical measurement and data interpretation. 60 of the questions will consist of 5 multiple true/false parts and 30 will be a single best answer from 5 options.

Full details of the scope of the examination, which is mapped to the curriculum, can be found at http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/index.asp?PageID=1479

MULTIPLE TRUE/FALSE SECTION (60 QUESTIONS)

- Each question consists of an initial statement followed by five items marked A to E. Each item may be true or false; it is possible for the five items in any one question to be all true, or all false, or any intermediate combination.
- First you should decide whether each item is true or false. To avoid frequent erasures on the Answer Sheet which may affect the scanning process you are strongly advised to mark your answers in the Question Booklet first.
- When you are satisfied with your choices you must transfer them to the Answer Sheet in the manner detailed below. Use only the pencil provided. Do not use pen or ballpoint.
- For each question number on the Answer Sheet, there is a box labelled [ T ] TRUE, a box labelled [ F ] FALSE.
- If you believe an item to be true, mark the [ T ] box. If you believe a choice to be false, mark the [ F ] box. DO NOT make any mark outside the boxes.
- For example, if you decide that item D is true, that items A, B, C and E are false, you record this by making horizontal marks on the Answer Sheet with your pencil as shown below.

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- Only make ONE MARK for each item (True or False). If you change your mind about an answer that you have marked on your sheet, you should rub out the mark with the eraser provided and mark the other box appropriately. You must erase all unwanted marks.
- 1 mark will be awarded for each correct answer. NO marks are subtracted for an incorrect answer.
- Ensure that you allow sufficient time to transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet.

SINGLE BEST ANSWER SECTION (30 QUESTIONS)

- Each question consists of an initial clinical scenario followed by five options marked A to E.
- For all the questions, the Single Best Answer is the response sought. Only mark one response to each question.
- More than one response to a question will result in a mark of zero for that question.
- To avoid frequent erasures on the Answer Sheet you are strongly advised to mark your answers in the Question Booklet first.
- When you are satisfied with your choices you must transfer them to the Answer Sheet in the manner detailed below. Use only the pencil provided. Do not use pen or ballpoint.
- For each question number on the Answer Sheet, there is a box labelled [ A ], a box labelled [ B ], a box labelled [ C ], a box labelled [ D ] and a box labelled [ E ].
- You can only select one option from the five available. If you believe an item to be the best possible answer from the 5 given, mark the appropriate box. Leave the other four boxes blank. DO NOT make any mark outside the boxes.
- You record your choice by making horizontal marks on the Answer Sheet with your pencil as shown below.

18. [ A ] [ B ] [ C ] [ D ] [ E ]

- If you change your mind about an answer that you have marked on your sheet, you should rub out the mark with the eraser provided and mark the other box appropriately. Failure to do so means that the scanner is likely to pick up the erased answer. You must erase all unwanted marks.
- Four marks will be awarded for each correct answer. NO marks are subtracted for an incorrect answer.
- Ensure that you allow sufficient time to transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet.