



## BioMedical Admissions Test

Wednesday

2 November 2005

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 initials in the space provided at the top of the answer sheet. For example, Noora Louise Al-Musalam should enter her initials like this:

Candidate initials

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Please also write your BioMedical Admissions Test candidate number and centre number in the spaces provided. 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 Animals do not feel pain as we do.**

Write a unified essay in which you address the following:

In what way might 'feel' here have a different meaning from 'sense'?

What kinds of experiments or observations might support such a view?

Advance an argument against the statement above, i.e. that animals feel pain of the same kind and to the same extent as we do.

**2 Science should leave off making pronouncements: the river of knowledge has too often turned back on itself.**

Sir James Jeans (1877-1946)

Write a unified essay in which you address the following:

What do you understand by the word 'pronouncement'?

Give an example of a biomedical pronouncement that has subsequently turned out to be false.

Advance an argument against the statement above, i.e. that scientists should nevertheless not feel inhibited in making pronouncements of what they believe to be the truth.

**3 With limited resources and increasing demand, doctors will not in the future be concerned about how to cure, so much as whether to cure.**

Write a unified essay in which you address the following:

Explain what you think this statement means.

What factors might contribute to 'limited resources' and 'increasing demand'?

Advance an argument that governments should ensure that resources for medical care should always match demand.

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