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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

B.Sc. (Intercal)

Health Sciences C113: Critical Appraisal of Primary Care Practice

COURSE CODE : **HESCC113**

UNIT VALUE : **0.50**

DATE : **22-APR-02**

TIME : **11.00**

TIME ALLOWED : **1 hours 30 minutes**

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TURN OVER

Paper title: Critical appraisal of primary care practice

Using the papers you have already been given prior to the exam to answer the following question.

This paper is only 90 minutes long.

The patient participation group in your practice has suggested that the practice should produce a booklet, which would help patients to manage their minor illnesses without consulting a doctor. This is in response to an increase in requests for emergency appointments, which the practice is finding it difficult to cope with. Your partners are concerned about whether or not this would help to reduce the number of emergency consultations and if it would warrant the time and cost of producing the booklet. They have asked you, as the most recently appointed partner, to review the relevant evidence. You find two papers which you consider to be the most useful. These are:

Little P, Sommerville J, Williamson I et al. Randomised controlled trial of self management leaflets and booklets for minor illness provided by post. BMJ 2001; 322:1214-7

Heaney D, Wyke S, Wilson P et al. Assessment of impact of information booklets on use of healthcare services: randomised controlled trial. BMJ 2001;322: 1218-21

EITHER

Write a report for your partners addressing their concerns.

OR

Prepare a report for the next meeting of your patient participation group - bearing in mind the concerns of your partners.

END OF PAPER