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**ORAL MEDICINE  
PART B**

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**Time allowed for this paper – 3 hours**

**Please use a SEPARATE answer book for each question and ensure your examination number is on every book.**

**\*Please also use a separate answer book for each part of question 3.**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

1. "Immune-modulating agents are increasingly used as alternatives to corticosteroids in Oral Medicine practice"

What are these agents? Discuss their use (and potential problems) in Oral Medicine practice.

2. Discuss the various uses of steroids in oral medicine practice. Categorise the various risks and potential side effects associated with their use and discuss, with reference to the literature, the various alternatives that may be employed.
3. Write short notes on the following:
  - (a) The management of HSV infection in an immunocompromised host
  - (b) The medical management of trigeminal neuralgia
  - (c) Salivary gland biopsy as the "gold standard" in diagnosing Sjogren's Syndrome

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