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GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF MEDICINE & SURGERY

PART A

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Time allowed for this paper – THREE HOURS

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

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

ANSWER ALL THREE QUESTIONS

1. A patient is brought directly to the Hospital Emergency Department by ambulance following a high speed road traffic accident. He was an unrestrained, front seat passenger and has obvious facial injuries. You have been called to assess him. Discuss the assessment and overall management of this patient in the first 24 hours in hospital.

2. A 65 year old patient is scheduled for the surgical treatment of a squamous cell carcinoma (T2N1M0) involving the floor of the mouth. The patient is an insulin dependent diabetic. Discuss the pre-operative investigation, preparation and post-operative management of this patient.

3. Write short notes on three of the following :
 - a. Hyponatraemia
 - b. Pulmonary Emboli
 - c. Informed Consent
 - d. Airway management in a patient with severe trismus

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