

**BioMedical Admissions Test****4500/13**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

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 four 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 Democratic freedom means there should be no restriction on what may be said in public.**

Explain what you think democratic freedom means. Argue that there should be restrictions on what is said in public. To what extent do you agree that there should be limitations on what can be said in public?

**2 The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease.**

*Voltaire*

Explain what this statement means. Argue to the contrary that medicine does in fact do more than amuse the patient. To what extent do you think Voltaire is correct?

**3 A scientific man ought to have no wishes, no affections - a mere heart of stone.**

*Charles Darwin*

Explain what this statement means. Argue that scientific enquiry benefits from personal wishes and affections. To what extent do you think a scientist should have 'a mere heart of stone'?

**4 Veterinary pet care in the UK should be free at the point of delivery, as human care is.**

Explain the argument behind this statement. Argue to the contrary, that if people choose to keep pets they should pay for all aspects of their care. To what extent do you agree that there should be free pet care?

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