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Examination for the Subspecialty Certificate in Gynaecological Oncology of the College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists of South Africa

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(3 hours)

1 Paper only

All questions are to be answered. Each question to be answered in a separate book (or books if more than one is required for the one answer)

- 1 Discuss the relevance of HPV E6/E7 mRNA in cervical cancer development. (30)
- 2 Discuss radiation therapy for advanced cervical cancer with reference to
 - Chemosensitisation. a) (30)
 - b) High dose brachytherapy.
- 3 Evaluate the potential impact of cancer registries on cancer control programs. (40)
- Discuss the investigation and management of a patient with suspected Lynch syndrome 4 related endometrial carcinoma. (30)
- 5 Discuss
 - The role of leucocytes in tumour microenvironment. (15)a)
 - The management of a patient with chemotherapy induced neutropenia. b) (15)
- Critically discuss the role of sentinel lymph nodes in high grade endometrial carcinoma. 6 (40)
- 7 Write notes on carcinogenesis in epithelial ovarian cancer.
- 8 Discuss
 - a) The concept of tailored or individualised treatment for women with FIGO stage IB1 (20) cervical cancer.
 - The options to consider in patients where primary skin closure after radical vulvectomy b) will not be sufficient to close the surgical skin defect. (20)
- 9 A 38-year-old patient admitted with recent onset renal failure and receiving renal dialysis, is subsequently diagnosed a few days after admission with cervical cancer FIGO stage IIIB with bilateral hydronephrosis. She otherwise has a good performance status. Discuss the ethical issues to be considered in the further management of this patient. (30)

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