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Examination for the Subspecialty Certificate in Rheumatology of the
College of Physicians of South Africa



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1 Paper Only

(3 hours)

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 Write short notes on the following
 - a) The diagnostic criteria and evidence based management of fibromyalgia. (8)
 - b) Radiographic changes in the cervical spine in the rheumatic diseases. (9)
 - c) The pathogenesis and therapeutic targets in postmenopausal osteoporosis. (8)[25]

- 2 Write short notes on the following
 - a) The mechanism of action, indications, contra-indications, and adverse effects of tocilizumab in the rheumatic diseases. (8)
 - b) Smoking and rheumatoid arthritis. (8)
 - c) An approach to shortness of breath in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus. (9)[25]

- 3 Discuss the following
 - a) An approach to thrombocytopenia in a patient with longstanding systemic lupus erythematosus. (9)
 - b) The diagnostic criteria, clinical manifestations and management of adult Still's disease. (8)
 - c) The role of HLA B27 in the pathogenesis of ankylosing spondylitis. (8)[25]

- 4 Discuss the following
 - a) The clinical presentations and management of complex regional pain syndrome. (8)
 - b) The mechanism of action and indications for the use of colchicine in the rheumatic diseases. (8)
 - c) The management of scleroderma lung disease. (9)[25]