



**BioMedical Admissions Test**

**4500/13**

**Wednesday 2 November 2016**

**30 min**

**SECTION 3**

**Writing task**

**Instructions to Candidates**

**Please read this page carefully, but do not open the question paper until you are told that you may do so.**

This paper is Section 3 of 3. A separate answer sheet is provided for this section. Please check you have one. You must complete the answer sheet in **black pen**.

Please complete the answer sheet with your:

- Name
- BMAT candidate number
- Centre number
- Initials

This question paper contains a choice of four tasks, of which you must answer only **one**. There is space on the question paper for preliminary notes. **Your answer must be written on the answer sheet provided and in English.** No additional answer sheets may be used. **Candidates with permission to use a word processor must not exceed 550 words.**

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.

Any rough work should be done on this question paper.

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.

Dictionaries and calculators may NOT be used.

**Please wait to be told you may begin before turning this page.**

*This paper consists of 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.*

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**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 'You can resist an invading army; you cannot resist an idea whose time has come.'  
(Victor Hugo)**

Explain the reasoning behind this statement. Argue that, on the contrary, any idea can be suppressed with sufficient force. What do you think gives power to an idea?

- 2 Science is not a follower of fashion nor of other social or cultural trends.**

Explain what you think the statement means. Argue to the contrary. To what extent do you agree with the statement?

- 3 The option of taking strike action should not be available to doctors as they have a special duty of care to their patients.**

Explain what is meant by this statement. Argue that it should be possible for doctors to go on strike as other workers do. To what extent should doctors' duty of care to patients affect the conditions of their employment?

- 4 If we truly care about the welfare of animals, we must recognise them as fellow members of our communities with their own political rights and status.**

Explain the thinking behind this statement. Argue that it is not necessary to confer political rights or status upon animals in order to ensure their welfare. To what extent is it possible to incorporate the interests of animals into political institutions?

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