

Select the best answer in each case.

**Q.1 According to good practice, when dispensing a medication the pharmacist is required to:**

- 1 provide written instructions
- 2 provide verbal advice
- 3 ask whether the patient has any problems with the medication

- A  if 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- B  if 1 and 2 only are correct
- C  if 2 and 3 only are correct
- D  if 1 only is correct
- E  if 3 only is correct

**Q2. When a patient presents with symptoms of a musculoskeletal disorder in the neck and arms, which of the following points should be given priority by the pharmacist when assessing the symptoms?**

- 1 stiffness and numbness
- 2 sustained injury
- 3 itchiness

- A  if 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- B  if 1 and 2 only are correct
- C  if 2 and 3 only are correct
- D  if 1 only is correct
- E  if 3 only is correct

**Q3. In a community pharmacy, the managing pharmacist should ensure that the dispensing equipment:**

- 1 is stored in a clean place
- 2 is cleaned after use
- 3 is securely locked and accessible only to pharmacists

- A  if 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- B  if 1 and 2 only are correct
- C  if 2 and 3 only are correct
- D  if 1 only is correct
- E  if 3 only is correct

**Q4. A female patient presents with uncomplicated symptoms of painful, frequent and urgent urination. When recommending management of the condition, the pharmacist should prioritise:**

- 1 explaining to the patient about personal hygiene
- 2 recommending medications that alkalinise the urine
- 3 advising the patient to drink large volumes of fluid

- A  if 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- B  if 1 and 2 only are correct
- C  if 2 and 3 only are correct
- D  if 1 only is correct
- E  if 3 only is correct

**Q5. Syrups should be kept in well-closed containers and stored at temperatures not exceeding 30°C. Bacterial growth may occur if the container is not well-closed and exposed to temperatures over 30°C.**

- A. True
- B. False

**Answers:**

Q1: A

Q2: B

Q3: B

Q4: C

Q5: A

Source: These MCQs were adopted from Further MCQs in Pharmacy Practice, Lilian M Azzopardi, 2006.