



FACULTY OF MEDICINE

UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

Third Examination for Medical Degrees -Part II – December 2007 FORENSIC MEDICINE - PAPER I

Thursday 6th December 2007
9.00 am to 12.00noon

Answer ALL FIVE Questions.

Answer each PART in a SEPARATE BOOK. Begin each answer on a NEW PAGE.

Part A

1.
 - 1.1. Define abrasion. (10 marks)
 - 1.2. List the types of abrasions. (30 marks)
 - 1.3. Discuss the medico-legal importance of abrasions. (60 marks)

2.
 - 2.1. List the post-mortem changes that can be used to assess time since death. (30 marks)
 - 2.2. Describe the medico-legal importance of three (3) of them. (70 marks)

3.
 - 3.1. List the circumstances of death due to paraquat poisoning. (20 marks)
 - 3.2. Describe the clinical features in patients surviving more than two (2) weeks after paraquat poisoning. (40 marks)
 - 3.3. Describe the post-mortem features in patients dying after two (2) weeks after paraquat poisoning. (40 marks)

Part B

4. A body of an adult male was recovered from the seashore of a populated southern coastal town. With regard to this case
 - 4.1 what are the medico-legal issues involved? (20 marks)
 - 4.2 how would you perform the crime scene investigation? (40 marks)
 - 4.3 what are the post-mortem findings? (40 marks)

5. Write notes on
 - 5.1 Shaken Baby Syndrome (30 marks)
 - 5.2 Dying declaration (30 marks)
 - 5.3 Subarachnoid haemorrhage (40 marks)