SHORT ANSWER MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

Instructions to the Candidate

I. ORIENTATION

A. You will have 3 hours to complete each morning and afternoon session.
B. Many cases contain several questions. Please ensure to scroll down to the end of each case.

II. INSTRUCTIONS

A. When relevant, the setting in which you are practicing will be described.
B. You can answer most questions in ten words or less.
C. When ordering laboratory investigations be SPECIFIC. For example, CBC, electrolytes, lipid profile and arterial blood gases are not acceptable; you must list the specific indices/test you would like for that question.
   (i.e.: 1. hemoglobin
         2. white blood cell count
         3. potassium)
   * Urinalysis is an acceptable answer
D. When ordering other investigations, be SPECIFIC. For example, ultrasound is not acceptable, you must specify abdominal ultrasound.
E. When listing medications, the use of generic names or trade names will be accepted.
F. Give details about procedures ONLY IF DIRECTED TO DO SO.
G. When providing values or measures only Systeme Internationale (SI) units will be accepted.
H. Avoid abbreviations which are not commonly used and which may not be clear to an examiner.
I. Put one answer per box, subsequent answers in the same box will not be considered.
J. If your answer to a question is “none”, please type “none”. Do not leave the answer box empty.

Most candidate errors arise from failing to read the question carefully. Every question is different. It may help you to highlight key features in the scenario provided, and key words in the question, to assist you in providing exactly what is being requested.