

# PLAB 2 Practice Test Questions and Answers

## 1. When breaking bad news, what does 'warning shot' mean?

- A) Informing security staff before a difficult consultation
- B) Giving a preparatory phrase before delivering bad news to allow the patient to mentally prepare ('I'm afraid the results are more serious than we hoped...')
- C) Asking a colleague to be present in case of adverse reactions
- D) Checking that emergency equipment is available

## 2. During abdominal examination, what is the correct sequence?

- A) Palpation, auscultation, percussion, inspection
- B) Inspection, auscultation, light palpation, deep palpation, percussion, then special tests
- C) Percussion, palpation, auscultation, inspection
- D) Palpation, percussion, inspection, auscultation

## 3. What does the ICE framework stand for in patient-centred consulting?

- A) Information, Confidence, Evidence
- B) Ideas, Concerns, and Expectations
- C) Initial Complaint Evaluation
- D) Investigation, Care, and Explanation

## 4. When examining cranial nerve V (trigeminal nerve), what do you assess?

- A) Eye movements and pupillary reactions
- B) Facial sensation (three divisions: ophthalmic, maxillary, mandibular), muscles of mastication (masseter, temporalis — jaw clench), and the corneal reflex (afferent limb)
- C) Facial expression and taste on anterior 2/3 of tongue
- D) Hearing, balance, and the gag reflex

**Answers: 1-B 2-B 3-B 4-B**

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