

UCAT Situational Judgement Practice Paper 1

Situational Judgement

69 questions · 26 minutes

How to use this booklet

- There are 17 scenarios, each followed by questions. Read each scenario carefully and answer using the standards expected of a healthcare professional.
- Some questions ask how appropriate an action is (A very appropriate thing to do, Appropriate but not ideal, Inappropriate but not awful, A very inappropriate thing to do). Others ask how important a consideration is (Very important, Important, Of minor importance, Not important at all). A few ask you to choose the MOST and LEAST appropriate of three actions.
- You have 26 minutes. There is no penalty for incorrect answers, so answer every question.

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Assume that you are the person in each scenario and that the action is possible. Judge each action or consideration on its own.

Scenario 1

You are a medical student on a ward placement. A registrar hands you a consent form for an operation and says, 'Have the patient sign this, it only takes a minute.' You have not been trained to take consent and you do not know the details of the operation.

1. Explain politely that you have not been trained to take consent and ask the registrar to arrange for someone suitably trained to do it. [How appropriate is this action?]

- A A very appropriate thing to do
- B Appropriate, but not ideal
- C Inappropriate, but not awful
- D A very inappropriate thing to do

2. Take the form to the patient and ask them to sign it without explaining what it is for. [How appropriate is this action?]

- A A very appropriate thing to do
- B Appropriate, but not ideal
- C Inappropriate, but not awful
- D A very inappropriate thing to do

3. Ask the patient whether they have any questions about the operation and then pass the answers to the registrar. [How appropriate is this action?]

- A A very appropriate thing to do
- B Appropriate, but not ideal
- C Inappropriate, but not awful
- D A very inappropriate thing to do

4. Whether the patient fully understands the risks and benefits of the operation. [How important is this consideration?]

- A Very important
- B Important
- C Of minor importance
- D Not important at all

5. That the registrar may be irritated by your reply. [How important is this consideration?]

- A Very important
- B Important
- C Of minor importance
- D Not important at all

Scenario 2

During a formative online test, you see a friend on your course using their phone under the desk to look up answers. The test does not count towards final marks, but students are told that it is to be completed without assistance.

6. Speak to your friend privately after the test and explain that this is not acceptable and could be considered dishonest. [How appropriate is this action?]

- A A very appropriate thing to do
- B Appropriate, but not ideal
- C Inappropriate, but not awful
- D A very inappropriate thing to do

7. Say nothing, because the test does not count towards your final marks. [How appropriate is this action?]

- A A very appropriate thing to do
- B Appropriate, but not ideal
- C Inappropriate, but not awful
- D A very inappropriate thing to do

8. Report your friend to the head of year without speaking to them first. [How appropriate is this action?]

- A A very appropriate thing to do
- B Appropriate, but not ideal
- C Inappropriate, but not awful
- D A very inappropriate thing to do

9. That your friend may be upset with you for raising the matter. [How important is this consideration?]

- A Very important
- B Important
- C Of minor importance
- D Not important at all

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Answers & worked solutions

Answer Key

1 A	2 D	3 B	4 A	5 D	6 A
7 C	8 B	9 C	10 A	11 D	12 C
13 A	14 A	15 D	16 B	17 A/B	18 A
19 B	20 D	21 C	22 A	23 C	24 C
25 C	26 A	27 C	28 D	29 A	30 A
31 B	32 C	33 B	34 A	35 D	36 A
37 A	38 A	39 B	40 D	41 C	42 A
43 D	44 C	45 B/C	46 A	47 C	48 C
49 C	50 A	51 B	52 D	53 B	54 A
55 C	56 A	57 A	58 A	59 C	60 C
61 C	62 A	63 D	64 B	65 C	66 A
67 D	68 C	69 A			

1. Explain politely that you have not been trained to take consent and ask the registrar to arrange for someone suitably trained to do it. [How appropriate is this action?]

[Appropriateness]

Correct answer: A — A very appropriate thing to do

- Rating: A very appropriate thing to do.
- Consent must be taken by someone who understands the procedure; recognising the limits of your competence is professional and keeps the patient safe.

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KEY TAKEAWAY

A good response is honest, proportionate and keeps the patient informed.

2. Take the form to the patient and ask them to sign it without explaining what it is for. [How appropriate is this action?] [Appropriateness]

Correct answer: D — A very inappropriate thing to do

- Rating: A very inappropriate thing to do.
- A signature without understanding is not valid consent, and doing so is outside your competence.

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KEY TAKEAWAY

Treating a patient without consent, when they can decide for themselves, is very inappropriate.