

## Appendix 1

### **Section A:**

1. What is your current year of training?
2. Have you had any previous training in dental problems?
3. When did you receive this training?
4. What form did the teaching take?
5. How many non-traumatic dental problems have you had to deal with in the last:
  - (a) week
  - (b) month
6. Do you have a Maxillofacial unit on site?
7. Do you know if there are any contact numbers for an emergency on-call dentist?

### **Section B:**

1. How many teeth are there in the full adult dentition? (32)
2. Approximately what age does the upper permanent incisor appear in the mouth? (7 years)
3. How many teeth would you expect to see in a normal 5-year-old child? (20)

### **Section C:**

1. A patient presents with a three-day history of throbbing pain over the side of his face and a gradually increasing swelling. Clinically it appears that he has a dental infection associated with a decayed tooth. He has no known allergies and is otherwise systemically well. What antibiotics would you prescribe?

What advice would you give the patient about follow-up?

2. A patient presents with bleeding from a tooth socket, having had the tooth removed earlier that day. The dental surgery is now closed. There is no underlying medical problem. What would you do to try to arrest the bleeding?

What advice would you give the patient once the bleeding stops, before you discharge the patient home?

If you were unable to stop the bleeding, what would you do next?

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