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UCAT: Situational Judgement Test

20 minutes discussion
25 Minutes Q&A from students

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Housekeeping and Introductions:

- This webinar will finish before 8pm
- We will send a recording and slides out within 48 hours
- Q&A section at the end
- Please use the Upvote system
- We will be using poll questions, get involved!

About Me

- Grew up and went to school in North East London
- Currently studying medicine at King's College London
- Took the UCAT (UKCAT) in August 2018

What is the Situational Judgement section?

- Often referred to as the 'SJT' in books or online resources
- One section of the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)
- According to the UCAT consortium website, the SJT “measures your capacity to understand real world situations and to identify critical factors and appropriate behaviour in dealing with them”
- There are **69 questions** in total, based on **22 scenarios**, and you have **26 minutes** to complete this section

What is the Situational Judgement section? (cont.)

- Your SJT mark is put separately on your UCAT score, so it is not combined into the overall score you receive (for example 2800). Instead, it is added at the end, as a 'Band' system (with Band 1 being best and Band 4 being the worst)
- You want to be aiming for **at least a Band 2**, although certain universities (e.g. Edinburgh) care more about the SJT than others

CANDIDATE SCORE REPORT

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate Name:	Alan Chan
Candidate ID:	12345678
Registration ID:	12345
Testing Date:	01/08/2024
Site Number:	10

UCAT SUBTEST SCORES

Verbal Reasoning	640
Decision Making	650
Quantitative Reasoning	630
Abstract Reasoning	670
Total Score	2590

Situational Judgement

Band 1 - Those in Band 1 demonstrated an excellent level of performance, showing similar judgement in most cases to the panel of experts.

How to Prepare

- You **do not** need any prior medical knowledge in order to answer the questions correctly
- Use different resources, as familiarising yourself with a diverse range of ethical scenarios will broaden your overall understanding of what type of answers the assessment board are looking for
- UCAT Crash Course here at Medical Projects!
- Variety of other online and book-based resources

How to Prepare (cont.)

- However, the main point to make is to **practice** as often as possible - when you have free periods, and certainly 'little and often' in the weeks and months before you sit the test



Question 1

Shakim, a junior doctor at Cardiac Care Unit (CCU), is working under a lot of pressure today due to a high volume of work since one of the senior doctors is ill and had to stay at home. At 3 pm Shakim receives a call from Elaine, a senior member of the surgical team. Elaine explains that they are running behind schedule with today's surgical procedures. Shakim is asked to inform Benjamin, the last patient on the list of the surgical procedures for today, that his surgery will be postponed until tomorrow morning. Rescheduling the surgery makes no difference to Benjamin's safety, but he has been very anxious about the whole surgery and mentioned multiple times that he would like to get 'over and done with it' as soon as possible.

How appropriate are each of the following responses by Shakim in this situation?

1. Explain to Benjamin why his surgery can't take place today
 - a. Very appropriate
 - b. Appropriate but not ideal
 - c. Inappropriate but not awful
 - d. Very inappropriate

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2. Tell Benjamin to go home, and in case he has any questions, someone will answer them tomorrow before the surgery
- a. Very appropriate
 - b. Appropriate but not ideal
 - c. Inappropriate but not awful
 - d. Very inappropriate



3. Ask a medical student to deal with this and explain to Benjamin what is happening

- a. Very appropriate
- b. Appropriate but not ideal
- c. Inappropriate but not awful
- d. Very inappropriate

4. Tell Benjamin that his operation has been postponed until tomorrow but this will have no impact on his safety

- a. Very appropriate
- b. Appropriate but not ideal
- c. Inappropriate but not awful
- d. Very inappropriate

Question 2

It's a Sunday afternoon, and Bianca, a medical student, is rushing through the hospital since she is late for her clinical placement session. The hospital is very quiet. Suddenly she stops because she sees an unknown liquid spilt on the floor. She is already late for her placement, but she is unsure what to do about the spilt liquid.

How important are the following considerations for Bianca when making a decision on this situation?

1. Someone can slip over and hurt themselves even though the hospital is very quiet
- a. Very important
 - b. Important
 - c. Of minor importance
 - d. Not important at all

2. The fact she is running late for her clinical placement

- a. Very important
- b. Important
- c. Of minor importance
- d. Not important at all

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3. It's not her job to clean the hospital
 - a. Very important
 - b. Important
 - c. Of minor importance
 - d. Not important at all

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Q&A Time

Approx. 20 minutes

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