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**CEYLON MEDICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL  
EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY AS PHARMACIST  
JANUARY 2026**

**Part 2 – Structured Essay Questions (SEQ)**

**Date 31.01.2026**

**Time: 4.00 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

**ANSWER ALL FIVE (05) QUESTIONS WITHIN THE SPACE PROVIDED**

**Write your index number on all the pages.**

**Duration is 3 hours for both Part 1, the Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Paper, and Part 2, the Structured Essay Question (SEQ) Paper. (Spend 150 minutes for the MCQ Paper and 30 minutes for the SEQ Paper.)**

**PART 2**

**Question 01**

Answer the following as per the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act No. 05 of 2015 and its Regulations.

1.1 Define a 'recall of medicines'. (04 marks)

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1.2 State four (04) circumstances under which the National Medicines Regulatory Authority may recall a medicine. (12 marks)

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1.3 Briefly explain two (02) conditions under which suspension of a product registration may be revoked. (04 marks)

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**Question 02.**

When you work as a community pharmacist the medicines are to be provided to patients in accordance with legal requirements, professional standards, and ethical principles to ensure the safe and effective use of them.

2.1 Classify medicines based on legal control.

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2.2 State four (04) ethical principles involved in the supply of medicines.

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2.3 State six (06) criteria a pharmacist should assess to verify the authenticity of a prescription.

*(06 marks)*

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2.4 Explain the patient instructions for the following prescription abbreviations.

i) b.i.d

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ii) t.i.d

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iii) q.h

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iv) PRN

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v) STAT

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vi) PO

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*(06 marks)*



**Question 04**

4.1 A paediatric patient weighing 18 kg is prescribed a drug that is recommended at a dose of 12 mg/kg/day, to be administered in three divided doses. The drug is available as a syrup containing 120 mg in 5 mL.

Calculate the volume of syrup (in mL) to be administered per dose.

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4.2 A prescription requires 150 mg of the active drug (base). The pharmacy stock contains the drug as a sulfate salt, with a molecular weight of 300 (base = 250).

Calculate the amount of the salt (in mg) that must be dispensed to provide the required 150 mg of active drug.

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4.3 State the main reasons why drugs are often formulated as salts.

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