MAIN ARTICLES

A QUIZ FOR OUR READERS

Based on articles in the August 2012 issue of the South Sudan Medical Journal. For each of the following 5 questions only one answer is correct. How many can you answer correctly? [Answers are on page 94]

A. In complicated malaria an impaired level of consciousness may indicate:

- 1. Hyperglycaemia
- 2. Hypoglycaemia
- 3. No need to observe carefully
- 4. Haemoglobin of 7g/dl

B. Which one of the following statements is true for the management of malaria:

- 1. Trials have shown that quinine is still more effective than artesunate.
- 2. If coma occurs in malaria the possibility of meningitis must be considered.
- 3. Diclofenac is useful in hyperpyrexia of malaria.
- 4. Observations are the responsibility of the doctors only.

C. Which one of the following is true?

- 1. Cardiovascular risk factors are not high in urbanised African populations.
- 2. If a patient trusts his / her doctor the outcome of care is improved.
- 3. Cancer deaths each year in Africa are about 200,000.
- 4. About 10% of cancer deaths are preventable in Africa.

D. Which one of the following statements is true?

- 1. Only 20% of patients with haemorrhagic stroke in Africa have a history of hypertension.
- 2. The reduction in salt intake has no part in the management of hypertension in Africa.
- 3. Reducing alcohol consumption helps in the control of hypertension.
- 4. Obesity is a problem only in Western countries.

E. Which one of the following statements is true?

- 1. A hypodense area on a brain CT-scan may suggest a cerebral infarct.
- 2. Guinea worm disease is uncommon in South Sudan.
- 3. Boiling drinking water has no effect on acquiring guinea worm disease.
- 4. Iron supplements are useful in the treatment of diarrhoea.