

Question 1 (12 marks)

A 30 year old male with perianal pain attends your rural emergency department. After your assessment, you diagnose thrombosed external haemorrhoids.

- a) List four (4) clinical features that make conservative treatment appropriate for this patient. (4 marks)

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- b) List four (4) situations or contraindications where local excision in the emergency department would not be recommended or safe (other than a patient not cooperating or consenting for the procedure). (4 marks)

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You decide to perform local excision of this patient's thrombosed external haemorrhoids in the emergency department. Informed consent has been obtained, and the patient is in a safe and appropriate area. You have performed hand hygiene and are wearing PPE.

- c) List four (4) steps for this procedure. (4 marks)

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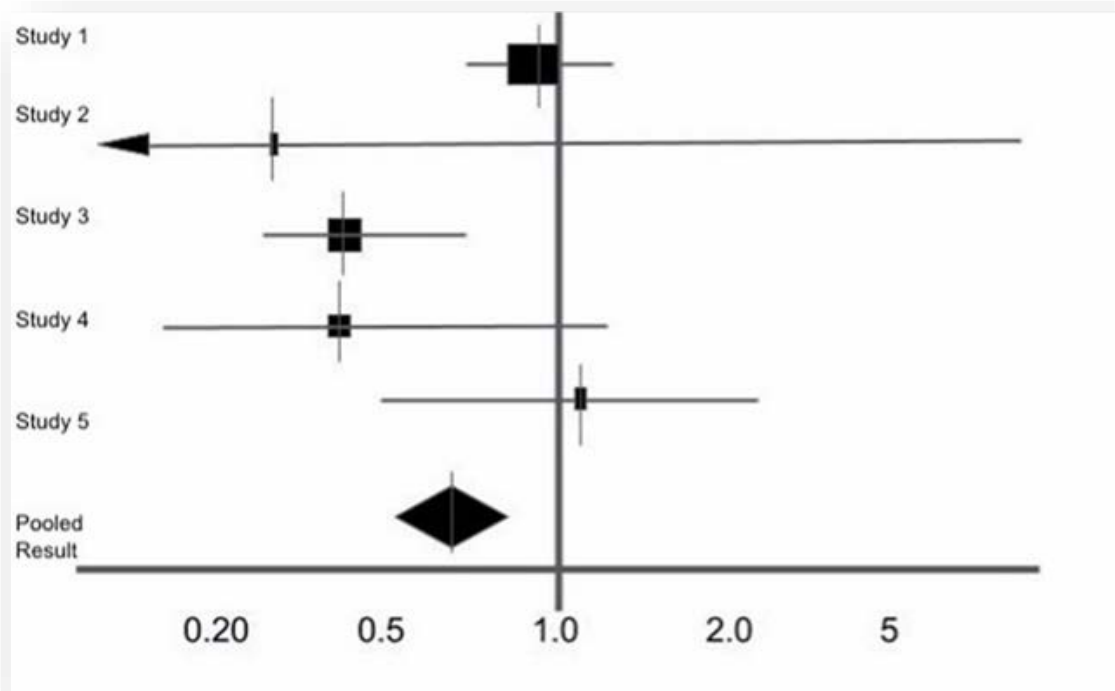
Question 2 (12 marks)

Regarding the appraisal of a meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials (RCTs).

- a) List three (3) essential aspects to appraise when reviewing a meta-analysis of RCTs and give reasoning. (6 marks)

Important aspects of the appraisal (3 marks)	Reasoning (3 marks)

A visual display of systematic review data is reproduced as provided below.



b) State what this visual display of data is called. (1 mark)

1.

c) State what the horizontal and vertical axes represent. (2 marks)

Horizontal Axis (1 mark)	Vertical Axis (1 mark)

d) State which study had the largest sample size. (1 mark)

1.

e) State the study/studies that did not achieve statistical significance and why. (2 marks)

Study/Studies:

Rationale: