

Facts for questions 13-16

Samuel had just passed his driving test. In order to celebrate he went to his local pub with Norm, his drinking buddy, and Rebecca his girlfriend. They consumed far too much alcohol, but nonetheless Samuel suggested that he drive Norm and Rebecca home. Unfortunately, another motorist, Carla, pulled out in front of Samuel who, in trying to avoid a collision, skidded on some ice and crashed into a tree. Norm, who was in the front passenger seat, was thrown through the windscreen and suffered serious injuries. Rebecca, who was in the rear of the car, suffered concussion and a few abrasions. A passer-by telephoned for an ambulance. By the time they all got to the hospital, Norm had lost a lot of blood. He died two hours later. Norm could have been saved if Woody, the junior doctor who first saw him, had realised how serious the situation was and called for the consultant to deal with the case. Woody gave Rebecca a precautionary injection of antibiotics. Eight hours later she suffered a severe allergic reaction to the drug, resulting in brain damage. Samuel, reflecting on these events, has now developed clinical depression.