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SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY – JUNE 2026

Date:- 12th June 2026

Time:- 11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

ESSAY PAPER

Answer the question in the book provided.

Write your Index Number clearly in the answer book.

1. As the medical officer in infection prevention and control unit (MO-IPCU) of your hospital, you have noticed an increasing number of needle prick injuries reported during the last month in the surgical ward.
 - 1.1. List **three (03)** pathogens that are transmitted via needle prick injuries.
(15 marks)
 - 1.2. Outline **three (03)** reasons that could have contributed to this increase.
(30 marks)
 - 1.3. Briefly discuss the measures that should be adopted by health care workers to reduce needle prick injuries in the hospital.
(55 marks)