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- a.

The product is unofficial, therefore the following title would be suitable: ‘Metronidazole Suppositories 170 mg’.
- b.

Quantitative particulars are required as the product is unofficial. As the products are suppositories, the quantitative particulars will be expressed per suppository:
Each suppository contains:
Metronidazole BP 170 mg
Hard Fat BP 900 mg
- c.

‘For rectal use only’ will need to be added to the label as the products are suppositories for rectal use.
- d.

‘Insert ONE into the rectum THREE times a day.’
- e.

The *British National Formulary* (51st edn, p 303) recommends the following cautions:
Label 4 – ‘Warning. Avoid alcoholic drink.’
Label 9 – ‘Take at regular intervals. Complete the prescribed course unless otherwise directed.’
However, as the products are suppositories, it would make sense to substitute ‘take’ with ‘use’ for Label 9.
- f.

The products are suppositories and so will attract a 3-month discard date.
- g.

Metronidazole Suppositories 170 mg

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Insert ONE into the rectum THREE times a day.

Do not use after (3 months)

For rectal use only

Warning: Avoid alcoholic drink

Use at regular intervals. Complete the prescribed course unless otherwise directed

Each suppository contains:

Metronidazole BP 170 mg

Hard Fat BP 900 mg

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Date of dispensing

7.
- The parent/guardian would be advised to insert one suppository into the patient’s rectum three times a day. In addition, the discard date, the fact that the product is for rectal use only and the additional *British National Formulary* warnings would be highlighted.

Chapter 8: Powders and capsules

1.
- Answer:** a (‘Store in a dry place.’)
2.
- Answer:** c (*British National Formulary*)
3.
- Answer:** b (Storage conditions)
4.
- The prescription requests one capsule to be taken three times a day for 5 days. Therefore, you will need to dispense $(1 \times 3 \times 5) = 15$ capsules.
Answer: c (15)