ECG of an 85-year-old woman prior to hip replacement surgery. She had no cardiac symptoms and was on no cardiac medication. The anaesthetist brings you the ECG and asks your advice.

**QUESTION 1:** Which ONE of the following best describes this ECG:

a. Trifascicular block.
b. Right bundle branch block, left axis deviation, old lateral myocardial infarct.
c. RBBB with left anterior fascicular block and prolonged PR interval.
d. RBBB with pre-excitation.
e. Accelerated idioventricular rhythm.

**QUESTION 2:** Which of the following would you advise:

a. Defer surgery and perform coronary angiography.
b. Defer surgery and implant a permanent pacemaker.
c. Insert a temporary pacemaker and proceed with surgery thereafter.
d. Suggest proceeding with surgery, with appropriate monitoring and precautions.

Please analyse the ECG carefully and commit yourself to an answer before checking the explanation. **ANSWER** on page 640