



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Regarding the examination

There are two main components with two subcomponents in each.

COMPONENTS	TIME ALLOWED	MAX. MARKS	MIN. PASS MARKS
1. CLINICAL			
Long case	60 minutes 30 minutes for history taking and clinical examination 30 minutes for discussion	10	6
Short cases (four cases)	40 minutes (includes both examination and discussion)	10	6
2. VIVA VOCE & SLIDES			
SLIDES (10 Slides)	Total time allowed is 30 - 50 minutes (3-5 minutes per slide)	10	6
VIVA VOCE	30 minutes	10	6
	AGGREGATE	40	24 (60%)

All Candidates to be examined on SLIDES & VIVA on day one.

The remaining examination of long case, short case and will be conducted on the following day/days (depending on the number of candidates).

LONG CASE (10 marks 60 minutes)

Each candidate will be allotted one long case and allowed 30 minutes for history taking and clinical examination. Candidates should take a careful history from the patient (or relative) and after a thorough physical examination identify the problems which the patient presents. During this period the candidate will be observed by the examiners.

Candidates are not required to write a formal history but they may take notes for their own use for presentation of the history, findings and discussions.

Case presentation and discussion on the long case will be conducted jointly by two examiners for 20 minutes. In this section the candidates will be assessed on the following areas:

Interviewing skills

- Introduces one self, listens patiently, and is polite with the patient.
- Is able to extract relevant information.

Clinical examinations skills

- Takes informed consent.
- Uses correct clinical methods (including appropriate exposure and re-draping).
- Examines systematically.

Case Presentation/Discussion

- Presentation skills.
- Correctness of findings.
- Logical interpretation of findings.
- Suggests and justifies relevant investigation(s).
- Differential diagnosis.
- Treatment plan (including rehabilitation).
- Prevention and prognosis.
- Relevant recent advances.

During case discussion the candidates may ask the examiners for laboratory investigations which will be provided, if available. Even if they are not available and are relevant candidates will get the credit for the suggestion.

SHORT CASES (10 marks.....40 minutes)

Candidates will be examined on at least four short cases of dermatology for a total of 40 minutes jointly by two examiners. Candidates will be given a specific task to perform on patients, one case at a time.

During this part of the examination, the candidate will be evaluated on the areas given below:

Clinical examination skills

- Introduces self to patient, gains informed consent.
- Uses correct clinical methods (including appropriate exposure and re-draping).
- Examines systematically.

Discussion

- Gives correct findings.
- Gives logical interpretations of findings.
- Justifies diagnosis/es.

As the time for this section is short the answers given by the candidates should be precise and relevant to the patient under discussion.

VIVA VOCE (10 marks 30 minutes)

The viva voce examination will last for 30 minutes and will be conducted by a pair of examiners. This part of the examination will assess the candidate's ability to solve problems, reaction in an emergency situation, concepts and overview of current medical issues. The art of communicating the knowledge in the relevant field of medicine in a concise manner will also be tested. Questions will also be asked on the basis of clinical experience documented in the candidate's log books.

SLIDES (10 marks.....30 TO 50 minutes)

Candidates will be shown 10 slides. Total time allowed is 30 to 50 minutes (3 to 5 minutes per slides). Candidates will have to answer objective test items (short answer questions or multiple choice questions) for each slide shown.

NOTE: The candidate are required to fill a self explanatory "feedback proforma" at the end of the examination.