



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Regarding the examination**

There are two components of this examination with three sub-components in the first and two subcomponent in the second component. It is mandatory to score a minimum of 50% in OSCE and each sub-component with an aggregate of 60%.

COMPONENTS	TIME ALLOWED	MAX. MARKS	PASS MARKS
<b>1. CLINICAL (3 Stations)</b>	120 minutes		
- Female patient	(40 minutes per station 20 minutes for history taking	10	6
- Male patient	and clinical examination	10	6
- Child patient	20 minutes for discussion)	10	6
<b>2. VIVA VOCE</b>			
i. Viva voce on Clinical Diary	30 minutes (15 minutes/examiner)	10	6
	<b>AGGREGATE</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24 (60%)</b>

**The Clinical Diary is an integral part of the VIVA VOCE examinations and it is mandatory for all candidates to bring their Clinical Diary on the day of clinical examination.**

**1. Clinical (30 marks ..... 120 minutes)**

This section of the examination will last for 120 minutes and will be conducted by 6 examiners. Every candidate will be examined at 3 stations (40 minutes and 2 examiners at each station). At each station the candidates will be given 20 minutes to take the history and perform the 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.

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:

**History Taking Skills**

Candidate is able to extract relevant information regarding:

- Presenting complaint
- Past history
- Family history
- Drug history
- Personal history

### **Clinical examinations skills**

Candidate performs:

- General Physical Examination
- Systemic Examination with more focus on relevant System / organ

### **Management Plan**

Candidate is able to justify:

- Diagnosis
- Differential Diagnosis
- Investigation, if needed
- Management - Pharmacological  
  - non-pharmacological
- Prophylaxis / prevention

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.

At the end of 20 minutes the examiners will start discussion on the long case with the candidate. The total time allocated to this section is 20 minutes (10 minutes per examiner).

## **2. VIVA VOCE**

### **Viva Voce on Clinical Diary**

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

**Note:** It is mandatory for the candidates to fill the feedback proforma provided by the College and return it before leaving the examination hall.