



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Entry to the examination hall will be on the basis of admit card only. The admit card should be displayed on the candidate's white coat through out the examination.

Regarding the examination

There are two components of this examination.

COMPONENTS	TIME ALLOWED	MAX. MARKS	PASS MARKS
1. Clinical:			
■ Long case (One)	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. TOACS	4-8 minutes per station	10	6
AGGREGATE		30	18 (60%)

1. 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.

Case presentation and discussion on the long case will be conducted jointly by two examiners for 30 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 systematically (including appropriate exposure and re-draping).

Case Presentation/Discussion

- Presents skillfully.
- Gives correct findings.
- Gives logical interpretation of findings
- discusses differential diagnosis.
- Enumerates and justifies relevant investigation(s).
- Outlines and justifies treatment plan (including rehabilitation).
- Discusses prevention and prognosis.
- Has knowledge of recent advances relevant to the case.

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.

2. SHORT CASES (10 marks 40 minutes)

Candidates will be examined on at least four short cases for a total of 40 minutes jointly by the two examiners. Candidates will be given a specific task to perform on patients, one case at a time. Two minutes time is kept for changeover from one case to another.

Each candidate will be evaluated on a specific task assigned for completion in a specific time. The findings, their interpretation and a management plan (if required) will be presented to the examiners. During this part of examination the candidates will be assessed on his/her clinical skills, correctness of findings, interpretation of findings and ability to draw scientific conclusions.

TOACS (10 marks)

Task-Oriented Assessment of Clinical Skills (TOACS) will be held on the first day of the examination at the same time, at all centres, for all the candidates declared eligible for clinical part of the relevant examination. **Candidates will be sent information regarding the schedule of TOACS by the Examination Department.**

In the TOACS the candidates will be evaluated on procedures, x-rays, laboratory findings, instruments, specimens etc. This component of examination will consist of 10 - 15 stations, 4-8 minutes per station arranged in the examination hall and the candidates will have to rotate through all of them in turn. The TOACS stations will be of two types:

- Observed / Interactive
- Unobserved / Static

In addition to the detailed instructions enclosed, the candidates will also receive verbal instructions at the time of the examination.