



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Regarding the examination**

There are two components of this examination, with two sub-components in the first.

COMPONENTS	TIME ALLOWED	MAX. MARKS	MIN. PASS MARKS
<b>1. CLINICAL</b>			
<b>Long case</b>	60 minutes 30 minutes for history taking and clinical examination 30 minutes for discussion	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Short cases</b> (Min. two cases)	40 minutes (includes both examination and discussion)	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>2. VIVA VOCE</b>			
<b>Viva Voce</b>	30 minutes	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>AGGREGATE</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>18 (60%)</b>

**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 and Clinical examinations skills**

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

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

Candidates will be examined on atleast four short cases 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**

- Obtains informed consent.
- Uses correct clinical methods, is systematic and examines the patient as a whole. (including appropriate exposure and re-draping).
- Performs examination of the relevant system in detail.

**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 issues relevant to the specialty. 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.

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