



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	60 minutes 30 minutes for history taking and clinical examination 30 minutes for discussion (15 minutes each examiner)	10	6
Short cases (four cases)	40 minutes (includes both examination and discussion)	10	6
2. VIVA VOCE	30 minutes 15 minutes per examiner	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.

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.

3. VIVA VOCE (20 marks 30 minutes)

The viva voce examination will last for 30 minutes (15 minutes each examiner). 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.