



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

ENDODONTICS

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

A Saudi board final specialty written examination shall consist of two papers each with 100-125 Single Best Answer MCQs. Up to 10% unscored items can be added for pretesting purposes.

Passing Score:

The passing score is 70%. However, suppose the percentage of candidates passing the examination before final approval is less than 70%. In that case, the passing score must be lowered by one mark at a time to achieve a 70% passing rate or 65% passing score, whichever comes first. Under no circumstances can the passing score be reduced below 65%.



Suggested References:

- Cohen's Pathways 12th edition.
- Seltzer and Bender's Dental Pulp.
- Little and Falace's: Dental Management of the Medically Compromised Patient.
- AAE trauma guidelines based on IADT trauma recommendations (latest update).
- AAE Position Statements & Colleagues for Excellence Updates.
- References suggested by the Scientific Committee:
<https://www.scfhs.org.sa/en/MESPS/Documents/Endodontics%20Edit%20final%201%20Nov%202020%20PDF.PDF>
- Professionalism and Ethics, Handbook for Residents, Practical guide, Prof. James Ware, Dr. Abdulaziz Fahad Alkaabba, Dr. Ghaiath MA Hussein, Prof. Omar Hasan Kasule, SCFHS, Latest Edition.
- Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition.

Note:

This list is intended for use as a study aid only. SCFHS does not intend the list to imply endorsement of these specific references, nor are the exam questions necessarily taken solely from these sources.

Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Endodontic Relations to Different Dental Specialties' Relationship of Systemic Diseases and Endodontics	8%
2	Outcome of Endodontic Treatment	5%
3	Surgical Endodontics	7%
4	Pain Control, Flare Up and Emergency	8%
5	Endodontic Diagnosis, Radiology	7%
6	Cleaning & Shaping and Obturation of Root Canal System	6%
7	Nonsurgical Retreatment and Mishaps	6%
8	Pulpal Reactions to Caries and Dental Procedures and Rhinosinusitis and Endodontic Disease	5%
9	Microbiology of Endodontic Infections and Pathobiology of Apical Periodontitis	5%
10	Endodontics Dental Traumatic Injuries	11%
11	Regenerative Endodontics and Vital Pulp Therapy	7%
12	Basic Science	7%
13	Classic literature	9%
14	Medically Compromised	9%
Total		100%

Note:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each category.
- Percentages and content are subject to change at any time. See the SCFHS website for the most up-to-date information.
- Research, Ethics, Professionalism and Patient Safety are incorporated within the various domains

Example Questions

EXAMPLE OF K2 Questions



A 45-year-old healthy woman presented to the emergency endodontic clinic complaining of the mandibular right first molar with biting. She had a history of intraoral swelling buccally 2 weeks before. The pulp was extirpated 5 months ago. An isolated narrow vertical probing depth was 7 mm distobuccally with normal probing depths in the other areas. The possibility of fracture was excluded (see image).

Which of the following is the most appropriate management?

- A. Root amputation
- B. Endodontic treatment
- C. Endodontic treatment followed by periodontal surgery
- D. Periodontal treatment followed by endodontic treatment

EXAMPLE OF K1 Questions

Which of the following nerve fibers is considered a nociceptor?

- A. A-beta
- B. A-delta
- C. A-alpha
- D. A-gamma