



SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

PAEDIATRIC ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

The Saudi subspecialty fellowship and diplomas final written examination shall consist of one paper with 80-120 Single Best Answer MCQs. Up to 10% unscored items can be added for pretesting purposes.

Passing Score:

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


Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Basic Immunology	20%
2	Immunodeficiency	20%
3	Asthma	12%
4	Urticaria	6%
5	Food Allergy	6%
6	Drug/ vaccine allergy	6%
7	Insect allergy	6%
8	Atopic dermatitis	6%
9	Anaphylaxis	6%
10	Allergic rhinitis	6%
11	Immunotherapy	6%
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.



Suggested References:

- Allergy: Principle and Practice (Middleton & Others)
- Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases Molecular and Genetic Approach
- Immunological Disorders in Infant and Children, (E. Richard Stiehm)
- Allergy and Allergic Diseases (A. Barry Kay)
- Clinical Immunology Principle and Practice (Rich)
- Allergic Diseases: Diagnosis and Management (Roy Patterson)
- Cellular and Molecular Immunology (Abdul Abbas)
- Basic Immunology (Abdul Abbas)
- Immuno Biology. The Immune System in Health and Disease (Charles A. Janeway Jr, Paul Travers)

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.



Example Questions

Example of K1 Questions

Which of the following is the generative lymphoid organ for T lymphocytes?

- A. Spleen
- B. Thymus
- C. Lymph node
- D. Bone marrow

Example of K2 Questions

A 10-month-old girl presented with history of chronic diarrhea, persistent oral thrush, and poor weight gain. Family history of a sibling died at age of 6 months. Complete blood count showed normal lymphocytes count and differential.

What is the most important test to confirm diagnosis?

- A. Immunoglobulin level
- B. In vitro T-cell stimulation test
- C. CD40 and CD40L expression on B and T cells
- D. Lymphocytes markers with MHC class I & II expression