



Saudi Postgraduate Diploma In

PEDIATRIC

Promotion Examination

Written Examination Format:

- A written examination shall consist of one paper with not less than 100 MCQs with a single best answer (one correct answer out of four options).
- The examination shall contain type K2 questions (interpretation, analysis, reasoning and decision making) and type K1 questions (recall and comprehension).
- The examination shall include basic concepts and clinical topics relevant to the specialty.
- Clinical presentation questions include history, clinical finding and patient approach. Diagnosis and investigation questions; include the possible diagnosis and diagnostic methods. Management questions; including treatment and clinical management, either therapeutic or non-therapeutic, and complications of management. Materials and Instruments questions; including material properties, usage, and selection of instruments and equipment used. Health maintenance questions; include health promotion, disease prevention, risk factors assessment, and prognosis.

Passing Score for Promotion Exam:

The trainee's performance is assessed in each of the evaluation formulas according to the following scoring system:

Score	Less than 50%	50% – 59.4%	60% - 69.4%	More than 70%
Description	Clear Fail	Borderline Fail	Borderline Pass	Clear Pass

1. To upgrade the trainee from a training level to the next level, She/he must obtain at least a **Borderline Pass** in each evaluation form.
2. The program director may recommend to the local supervision committee to request the promotion of the trainee who did not meet the previous promotion requirement according to the following:
 - A. In case that the trainee gets a **Borderline Fail** result in **one** of the evaluation forms, the remaining evaluation forms must be passed with **Clear Pass** in at least **one** of them.
 - B. In case that the trainee gets a **Borderline Fail** result in **two** of the evaluation forms to a maximum, provided they do not fall under the same theme (Knowledge, Attitude, Skills). The remaining evaluation forms must be passed with **Clear Pass** in at least **two** of them.
 - C. The promotion must be approved in this case by the scientific council for the specialization.





Blueprint Outlines

No.	Section	Proportion
1	General Pediatrics	20%
2	Critical Care	20%
3	Child Development and Behaviour	5%
4	Allergy , Immunology ,Respiratory and ENT	10%
5	Cardiology	5%
6	Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition	5%
7	Neurology , Neurodisability, Child and Adolescent Mental Health	5%
8	Infectious Diseases	5%
9	Nephrology and Urology	5%
10	Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Disorder	5%
11	Genetics and Dymorphology	5%
12	Hematology and Oncology	5%
13	Musculoskeletal and Rheumatology	5%
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:

- Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics, 20th Edition. Robert M. Kliegman, Bonita M.D. Stanton, Joseph St. Geme, Nina Schor, and Richard E. Behrman (Main reference).
- The Harriet Lane Handbook, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Branden Engorn, and Jamie Flerlage, MD.

Note:

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