



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

CARDIAC SURGERY

Final Examination

Written Examination:

Exam Format:

A Saudi board final specialty written examination shall consist of two papers each with 100-125 single best answer Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs). Up to 10% unscored MSQs can be added for calibration 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%.





Suggested References:

- Kirklin/Barratt-Boyes Cardiac Surgery, 4th Edition
- Sabiston and Spencer Surgery of the Chest, 9e 9th Edition
- Cardiac Surgery in the Adult Fifth Edition 6th Edition
- 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.
- Sabiston Testbook of Surgery by Mark Evers et al (20th edition)

Note:

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Final Written Exam Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Principles of Cardiac Surgical Care	16%
2	Adult Cardiac Surgery – Coronary	16%
3	Adult Cardiac Surgery - Valvular	16%
4	Adult Cardiac Surgery - Aorta	9%
5	Surgery for Heart Failure	11%
6	Pacemaker/ICD/EP Surgery	7%
7	Tumors and pericardial disease	5%
8	Congenital Cardiac Surgery	15%
9	CPB and Cardioplegia	5%
Total		100%

Notes:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each section.
- 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 various domains.
- Results will be published within 14 business days following the last date of your examination

