



SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

RHEUMATOLOGY

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

A Saudi subspecialty fellowship and diplomas final examination shall consist of one paper with 80-120 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:

1. Kelly Textbook.
2. Hochberg Rheumatology Textbook
3. Primer on Rheumatic Diseases.
4. Up to Date.
5. 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.
6. 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	¹ Basic and Clinical Sciences	6%
2	Crystal-induced Arthropathies	5%
3	Infections and Related Arthritides	5%
4	Metabolic Bone Disease	5%
5	Osteoarthritis and ² Related Disorders	5%
6	Rheumatoid Arthritis	12%
7	Seronegative Spondyloarthropathies	8%
8	Other Rheumatic and Connective Tissue Disorders (ORCT)	14%
9	Lupus Erythematosus	14%
10	Nonarticular and Regional Musculoskeletal Disorders	8%
11	Nonrheumatic Systemic Disorders	6%
12	Vasculitides	12%
Total		100%

Note:

- ¹ Basic and Clinical Sciences: Includes Immunology, MSK anatomy, and Pharmacology.
- ² Related Disorders: Includes diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis (DISH) and malignant and nonmalignant tumors of bones, tendons, and joints.
- 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 various domains.

