SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

INTERNAL MEDICINE PHARMACY

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

The Saudi subspecialty fellowship and diploma final written examination shall consist of one paper with 80-120 multiple-choice questions (singlebest answer out of four options). 10% unscored items can be added forpretesting purposes.

Passing Score:

The passing score is 70%. 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% passingrate or 65% passing score whichever comes first. Under nocircumstances can the passing score be reduced below 65%.

Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Allergy/Immunology and adult immunization[1]	5%
2	Cardiovascular/ Pulmonary[2]	16%
3	Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism[3]	20%
4	Gastrointestinal/Hepatology[4]	18%
5	Hematology/Medical Oncology	5%
6	Infectious diseases	15%
7	Neuropsychiatry[5]	5%
8	Rheumatology and Renal[6]	11%
9	Geriatric	5%
Total		100%

[1]Allergy/Immunology and adult immunization: including urticaria, rhinitis and eczema

[2]Cardiovascular/ Pulmonary: including Asthma, COPD, hypertension, heart failure, pulmonary embolism, DVT

[3]Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism: including diabetes, thyroid disorders, adrenal gland disorders, pituitary gland disorders, dyslipidemia, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis

[4]Gastrointestinal/Hepatology: including peptic ulcer disease, GERD, inflammatory bowel disease, hepatitis

[5]Neuropsychiatry: including stroke

[6]Rheumatology and Renal: including rheumatoid arthritis, renal failure

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 various domains.

Suggested References:

1. Applied Therapeutics, The Clinical Use of Drugs. 12th Edition
2. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine 20th ed.
3. Pharmacotherapy (Dipiro), Latest edition
4. Internal Medicine: A Guide to Clinical Therapeutics
5. Updated guidelines for management of chronic diseases including but not limited to diabetes, hypertension and asthma/COPD
6. 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.
7. Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition.

Note:

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