SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

INFECTIOUS DISEASES CLINICAL PHARMACY

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

A Saudi subspecialty fellowship final written examination shall consist of one paper with 80-120 Single Best Answer MCQs. 10% unscored items can be added for pretesting 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% passing rate or 65% passing score whichever comes first. Under no circumstances can the passing score be reduced below 65%.

Blueprint Outline:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Bacterial infections	40%
2	Fungal infections	15 %
3	Human immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection	5%
4	Immunocompromised Host (Non-HIV Infections)	5 %
5	Therapeutic drug monitoring of antimicrobial therapy	5 %
6	Parasitic infections	5%
7	Vaccinations	5 %
8	Viral infections	10 %
9	Sexually transmitted infections (STIs)	5 %
10	Clinical microbiology	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 various domains.
- Results will be published within 14 business days following the last date of your examination.

Suggested References:

1. Mandell, Douglas, and Bennett's. Principles and practice of infectious diseases. Latest edition
2. Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. Guidelines for the use of antiretroviral agents in HIV-1-infected adults and adolescents. Department of Health and Human Services. Latest edition
3. Antimicrobial stewardship program latest guidelines for implementation and the updated infectious diseases international guidelines (including but not limited to IDSA, AST, NCCN, CDC, NICE, others)
   Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics. Latest edition
4. Updated Clinical practices guidelines by Infectious Diseases Societies (IDSA, AST, CDC, NICE, and ESCMI
5. David Greenwood. Medical Microbiology: A Guide to Microbial Infections: Pathogenesis, Immunity, Laboratory Diagnosis and Control. Latest edition
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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