

MRCGP [INTERNATIONAL] DUBAI

Feedback on the MCQ October 2018

After exam sitting is complete, the MCQ core group provides feedback on overall candidate performance overall candidate performance via the College website. We also highlight areas of general interest related to the exam. We hope that this feedback is helpful to all those applying to MCQ-MRCGP Dubai International and we welcome comments on the feedback to the email address at the end of this report.

For important general information about how to prepare for the MCQ exam, including a description of the exam format and content please see the web links at the end of this report of the MRCGP-Dubai International site.

Guidelines currently exist in a number of clinical areas and we will make accommodation for this, generally by testing on recommendations that the guidelines make in common. The guideline used as reference in the exam will be provided in the "Advice for candidate" attachment available in the website of the MRCGP-Dubai International site.

Statistics

Scores in MCQ paper October 2018 ranged from 72 to 150 out of 200 questions with a mean overall score of 112 marks

The pass mark for MCQ paper October 2018 was set at 110 with pass rates as below:

Candidates (numbers) Pass rate: (25) 57%

Other key statistics from this test:

Reliability (Cronbach α coefficient) = 0.87

Standard error of measurement = 5.7

We have highlighted below general areas of good performance, as well as areas of poor performance.

Areas of good performance:

Candidate performed well in area related to common drug related condition and side-effects e.g. antiemetic, Antihypertensive drugs and antiarrhythmic drugs.

The candidates showed good knowledge in the diagnosis and management of the common presenting condition in general practice in Cardiovascular, emergency, respiratory, Gynecology, surgical, neurology, Psychiatry, gastroenterology, Hematology/cancer, Musculoskeletal, Infectious and endocrine, ophthalmology, metabolic, cancer and common epidemiological terms.

Areas of poor performance:

Screening programs

There were some difficulties in recognition of screening test for common endocrine disease.

Care of Children and Young People

Candidates had some difficulty with management of common childhood surgical.

Infectious diseases

Candidate need to have good knowledge about treatment of infectious disease related to pregnancy.

Care of People with Neurological Problems

Candidates showed difficulty in the diagnosis of common neurological condition. Although headache is, a common presentation but candidate showed difficulty in the diagnosis of common causes of headache. Candidates are reminded to bear in mind the prevalence of the common conditions treatment.

Respiratory Health

The candidates had difficulty in management of upper respiratory disease. Guidelines exist to guide diagnosis and management of many conditions candidates should take a broad approach to their clinical medicine learning needs.

Cardiovascular health

Candidates had difficulty in the diagnosis of the heart valve and peripheral vascular disease.

Guidelines for conditions including hypertension, need to be reviewed by the candidates.

Care of people with eye problems

Although candidate did well in the diagnosis of some common eye problems, they had difficulty in the management of some urgent eye condition. Although opticians may increasingly deal with eye problems, GPs need to know the diagnosis of common urgent condition for urgent referral.

Epidemiology, healthy people, promoting health and preventing disease

Candidate had difficulty in question related to statistical terms.

Women's health

Candidate had difficulty in investigation of endocrine disease in pregnancy, contraception and management of common gynecological problem.

Care of people with metabolic problems

Candidate need to be able to diagnose endocrine disease other than the common condition of thyroid and diabetes.

Care of people with skin problems

Candidate had difficulty in question related to common skin disease problem in puberty and skin disease related to gastroenterology and immune system.

Drugs and therapeutics

Candidate need to have about the side effect of commonly used antihyperglycemic agent and antiepileptic drugs.

ENT

Candidate had difficulty in the management of common ear and throat problems.

We hope that candidates will not overlook these and other common and important areas in their exam preparation, guided by the curriculum and the content guide.