

MRCGP [INTERNATIONAL] DUBAI

Feedback on the MCQ April 2017

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 April 2017 ranged from 66 to 141 out of 200 questions with a mean overall score of 102 marks

The pass mark for MCQ paper April 2017 was set at 108 with pass rates as below:

Candidates (numbers) Pass rate: (18) 39%

Other key statistics from this test:

Reliability (Cronbach α coefficient) = 0.86

Standard error of measurement = 6.1

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

Areas of good performance

Candidates performed well in areas related to common drug related conditions and side-effects e.g. antiemetic , antihyperglycemic and common antiepileptics drugs.

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, Musculoskeletal, Infectious and Endocrine & metabolic.

Areas of poor performance

Care of Children and Young People

Candidates had some difficulty with diagnosis of normal childhood motor milestones, gastrointestinal, puberty, and neurological condition in infancy and childhood vaccination.

Infectious diseases

Candidates need to have good knowledge about complications of common gastrointestinal infectious disease and investigation of common sexually transmitted disease.

Respiratory Health

The candidates had difficulty in the diagnosis and management of common respiratory condition. 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 common and less common cardiovascular disease. Guidelines for conditions including hypertension, ischemic heart disease need to be reviewed by the candidates.

Drugs & therapeutics

Candidates had some difficulty with questions concerning side effects of common drug used for chronic disease and painkillers. This is a common problem with which candidates should be familiar.

Women's health

Candidates had difficulty in the mentally, genetic & endocrine related obstetric conditions in area of investigations and management.

Care of people with metabolic problems

Candidates need to know the management of surgical complication of diabetes.

Mental Health

Candidate had difficulty in the diagnosis of common mental problem leading to nutritional deficiencies, and management of common mental health problems.

Care of people with musculoskeletal injuries

Candidates showed difficulty in the diagnosis of common joint problem and management of less common problems.

Haematology

Candidate had difficulty in the diagnosis of common investigation & diagnosis of common anemias.

Gastrointestinal

Candidate showed difficulty in the diagnosis of complication less common gastrointestinal disease and deficiencies related to surgical procedures.

Care of people with skin problems

Candidate had difficulty in question related to common skin disease problem. e.g treatment of common nail problems and pain management of common dermatological condition.

ENT problems

Candidates had difficulty in the diagnosis of common ENT problem & others related to common neurological problems like headache.

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.