For Candidates

Master of Medicine
(Orthopaedic Surgery)
Part 1 (VIVA) Examinations

Guide

2016
1. The aim of this part of the examinations is the following:
   a. To ascertain if the candidate has the pre-requisite basic knowledge to start practicing at a senior resident/ registrar level. This would include the following areas:
      i. Basic orthopaedic pathology - common orthopaedic conditions encountered in the clinic and wards, especially emergent/urgent ones
      ii. Ability to read and understand the limitations of diagnostic imaging and the indications for ordering relevant imaging investigations
      iii. Understand surgical anatomy – both for the purposes of diagnosis/examination and surgical access for common elective and emergency surgical procedures
      iv. Must have an understanding of materials used in orthopaedic and their properties as well as that of joints and skeletal tissues

2. Details of the topics covered in the examinations is as follows:
   a. Please see Suggested/Sample Topics

3. The Format of the examinations are as follows:
   a. Viva – oral examinations (4 stations)
   b. Each of the topics/areas above will be examined for 20 minutes
   c. There will be a pair of examiners per station
   d. There may be an observer in the room
   e. Each examiner will examine the candidate for 10 minutes

4. A pass of the examination requires a pass in all sections. Candidates who have a borderline performance in any section will be discussed in the examiners deliberation. The details of the examiners deliberation and discussions therein are confidential and will not be revealed to the candidates.

5. Failing candidates will be counselled as to their areas of failure. The date of counseling will be informed to the relevant candidates in due course after the examinations.

The M. Med. Committee (Orthopaedic Surgery) reserves the right to modify the format of the examination.