

FFPMRCA MCQ EXAMINATION
MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION PAPER

1.45pm for Invigilator's briefing
Exam timing: 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Candidates should report to the reception area of the Royal College of Anaesthetists/Faculty of Pain Medicine no later than 1.30pm

1. Bring your 'Admission Notice', (sent by email) with you.
2. Always arrive in good time. There will be a waiting area at the Faculty. No candidate can leave the exam room for the first 30 minutes or the last 10 minutes of the examination. Examination lasts for 3 hours. 2pm to 5pm. Briefing is at 1.45. Candidates are permitted to arrive late, up to a maximum of 30 minutes. **No extra time is given to late arrivals.** Candidates arriving over 30 minutes after the start time will not be allowed to take the examination.
3. Candidates may wear casual clothing during the MCQ examination, the emphasis is on being comfortable.
4. **Mobile phones and other electronic devices (including calculators and beeping devices) have no place in examinations.** Mobile phones and electronic devices must be switched off and left in your bag. If you do not have a bag then hand to invigilator who will place in envelope with can. No. Returned in exchange for exam papers at end of exam. **Candidates found in possession of mobile phones during exams may be disqualified.** Candidates whose phone or electronic device rings during the exam will be reported to the Faculty exam chairman and may be disqualified.
5. **Don't use any type of timer that makes an audible beep, this disturbs others,** you will be reported to the Faculty exam chairman where this occurs. The invigilators will give time checks, after each hour, 45 mins and 10 mins before the end.
6. Complaints about any matter concerning the administration of your exam or disturbance by others should be reported to the invigilator as soon as possible, before leaving the exam room. All complaints will be logged onto an 'incident report' form by the invigilator. Immediate action to resolve issues as they arise will be taken wherever possible and the complainant will be advised accordingly.
7. Paper, text books or note books are not to be brought into the exam. Rough note paper is not provided for MCQ exams. Candidates may use the back of the question paper
8. No papers are to be removed from the room at the end of the examination.
9. **Be considerate of other candidates at all times.** Water bottles are allowed, eating is not. Don't tap or bang desks. Don't think out loud. If you wish to leave the room, for any reason, raise your hand and the Invigilator will attend you and escort you to where you need to go.
10. **Place your photo identity on your desk at the beginning of the exam so the invigilator can check it without disturbing you.** This must be a passport or photo driving licence. If different name then supporting documents also required.
11. Ensure you put your candidate No. and/or College Ref. No. on your mark sheet and question paper as indicated.

12. Use the pencil provided to complete the OMR sheet there is an eraser on the end of it. Make a bold mark in the boxes as described in the instructions (see overleaf). Ensure you complete all boxes no marks are lost for wrong answers. Don't give more than one answer to each question.
 13. Candidates must not communicate with, or willingly receive communication from any person during the exam other than an invigilator. Any attempt on the part of another candidate to communicate with you must be reported to an invigilator.
 14. Candidates must not read or attempt to read the work of any other candidate. Candidates found to have contravened the regulations as described in paragraphs 13 and 14 may be disqualified.
 15. If you finish early and before the 10 minutes final cut off, then raise your hand, the Invigilator will collect your papers. Collect your bag and leave silently.
 16. Candidates are not to leave the room In the final 10 mins until all papers have been collected.
 17. The Invigilator will advise you when results will be released. The date and time is also on Admission notices. Ensure you have your Can. No. and CRN with you on that day.
 18. Candidates are to leave the room silently.
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EXAMINATION CANDIDATE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF OF IDENTITY AT ALL FPMRCA EXAMINATIONS

All candidates for examinations of the Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine Royal College of Anaesthetists are required to have with them, at the time of taking their examinations, photographic identity. This must be in the form of a PASSPORT or PHOTO DRIVING LICENCE. The candidate must be able to produce this when requested by the Faculty officer. Please note that Hospital ID is not acceptable.

Where the name on the photographic identity being used is not identical to that given on the candidate's application form, due to marriage etc, then the original marriage certificate or solicitor's letter, as appropriate, must also be produced. The Faculty should be informed in advance of attendance where this is the case (020 7092 1523).

FAILURE TO PRODUCE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTITY WILL RESULT IN THE CANDIDATE NOT BEING ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WITH THE EXAMINATION.

**By order of
The Director of Training and Examinations**

ADVICE ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE FFPMRCA MCQ EXAMINATION

The question paper consists of a *Question Booklet* containing 90 multiple choice questions (MCQ) in three hours, comprising of three sections: **40 multiple true/false (MTF) questions, 25 single best answer (SBA) questions and 25 extended matching questions (EMQ)**. All three sections will test all Pain Medicine and generic areas of the CCT in Anaesthetics.

MULTIPLE TRUE/FALSE SUB-SECTION (40 QUESTIONS)

- Each question consists of an initial statement followed by five items marked A to E. Each item may be true or false; it is possible for the five items in any one question to be all true, or all false, or any intermediate combination.
- First you should decide whether each item is true or false. To avoid frequent erasures on the *Answer Sheet* which may affect the scanning process you are strongly advised to mark your answers in the *Question Booklet* first. When you are satisfied with your choices you must transfer them to the *Answer Sheet*. **Ensure you allow sufficient time to transfer your answers. Use only the pencil provided. Do not use pen or ballpoint**
- For each question number on the *Answer Sheet*, there is a box labelled [T] TRUE, a box labelled [F] FALSE. If you believe an item to be true, mark the ~~[T]~~ box. If you believe a choice to be false, mark the ~~[F]~~ box. DO NOT make any mark outside the boxes.
- Only make ONE MARK for each item (True or False). If you change your mind about an answer that you have marked on your sheet, you should rub out the mark with the eraser provided and mark the other box appropriately. You must erase all unwanted marks.
- 1 mark will be awarded for each correct answer. NO marks are subtracted for an incorrect answer.

SINGLE BEST ANSWER SUB-SECTION (25 QUESTIONS)

- Each question consists of an initial clinical scenario followed by five options marked A to E.
- For all the questions, the Single Best Answer is the response sought. **Only mark one response to each question**. More than one response will result in a mark of zero for that question.
- To avoid frequent erasures on the *Answer Sheet* you are strongly advised to mark your answers in the *Question Booklet* first. When you are satisfied with your choices you must transfer them to the *Answer Sheet*. **Ensure you allow sufficient time to transfer your answers. Use only the pencil provided. Do not use pen or ballpoint.**
- For each question number on the *Answer Sheet*, there is a box labelled [A], a box labelled [B], a box labelled [C], a box labelled [D] and a box labelled [E]. You can only select **one option from the five available**. If you believe an item to be the best possible answer from the 5 given, for example 'B', then mark the appropriate box ~~[B]~~. Leave the other four boxes blank. DO NOT make any mark outside the boxes.
- If you change your mind about an answer that you have marked on your sheet, you should rub out the mark with the eraser provided and mark the other box appropriately. Failure to do so means that the scanner is likely to pick up the erased answer. You must erase all unwanted marks.
- Four marks will be awarded for each correct answer. NO marks are subtracted for an incorrect answer.

EXTENDED MATCHING QUESTIONS SUB-SECTION (25 QUESTIONS)

- The 25 questions are laid out in sets of five. For each set of five questions you will have a choice of eight options to choose from, A to H. **Ensure you use the option list that pertains to the question you are answering.**
- For all the questions, choose the option that best matches the question. **Only mark one response to each question**. More than one response will result in a mark of zero for that question. Each option may be used once, more than once or not at all

- To avoid frequent erasures on the *Answer Sheet* you are strongly advised to mark your answers in the *Question Booklet* first. When you are satisfied with your choices you must transfer them to the *Answer Sheet*. **Ensure you allow sufficient time to transfer your answers. Use only the pencil provided. Do not use pen or ballpoint.**
- For each question number on the *Answer Sheet*, there is a box labelled [A], a box labelled [B], a box labelled [C], a box labelled [D], a box labelled [E], a box labelled [F], a box labelled [G] and a box labelled [H]. You can only select **one option from the eight available**. If you believe an option to be the 'matching/correct' option, for example 'B' to the question, mark the appropriate box [~~B~~]. Leave the other seven boxes blank. DO NOT make any mark outside the boxes.
- Four marks will be awarded for each correct answer. NO marks are subtracted for an incorrect answer.

The marks for all three MCQ sections are added together to give a total mark, with 40 MTF, 25 SBA and 25 EMQ the maximum mark obtainable is 400. The pass mark is set by the Board of Examiners using assessment methods approved by the GMC.