



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

GENERAL SURGERY

Final Examination

Examination Format:

A Saudi board final specialty written examination shall consist of two papers each with 100-125 Single Best Answer MCQs. Up to 10% unscored items can be added for pretesting purposes.

Passing Score:

1. The passing score is 70%.
2. 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%.





Suggested References:

1. Sabiston Textbook of Surgery, 20th Edition, 2016. Courtney Townsend et al.
2. Schwartz's Principles of Surgery, Tenth Edition, 2014. F. Charles Brunicaudi et al.
3. Current Surgical Therapy, 12th Edition, 2017, John L. Cameron and Andrew M Cameron.
4. Greenfield's Surgery Scientific Principles and Practice, 5th Edition, 2011. Michael W. Mulholland et al.
5. Fischer's Mastery of Surgery, 6th Edition .2011, Josef E. Fischer.
6. Professionalism and Ethics, Handbook for Residents, Practical guide, Prof. James Ware, Dr. Abdulaziz Fahad Alkaabba, Dr. GhaiathMA Hussein, Prof. Omar Hasan Kasule, SCFHS, Latest Edition.
7. Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition.

Note:

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Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
Principles of Surgery (35%= 70 MCQ)		
1	Fluid and Electrolytes	5%
2	Shock, Haemostasis and Transfusion	5%
3	Surgical Infection and Antibiotics	5%
4	Trauma and Critical Care	5%
5	Surgical Complication	5%
6	Pre-operative Assessment, Anesthesia and Pain Management and Transplant	10%
Clinical Surgery (65% = 130 MCQ)		
7	The Breast and Endocrine	9%
8	Hernias, Abdominal Wall and Soft Tissue Tumours	5%
9	Upper GIT (Oesophagus, Stomach, Small Intestine)	7%
10	Lower GIT (Appendix, Colon, Rectum and Anus)	9%
11	Gastrointestinal Bleeding	5%
12	Hepatobiliary (Liver Pancreas and Spleen)	12%
13	Acute Abdomen	8%
14	Surgical Management of Obesity	5%
15	Subspecialty (Vascular- Paediatric- Plastic- Lung and Mediastinum)	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.

