



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

PATHOLOGY

Final Examination

Exam Format:

A Saudi board final specialty written examination shall consist of two papers each with 100-125 single best answer Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs). Up to 10% unscored MSQs can be added for calibration purposes.

Passing Score:

The passing score is 70%. However, 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. Robbins and Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease. 10th Edition
2. Rosai and Ackerman's Surgical Pathology. 11th Edition
3. WHO classification Series. IARC
4. Cytology: Diagnostic Principles and Clinical Correlates, by Edmund Cibas and Barbara Ducatman
5. Manual of Surgical Pathology, by Susan Lester
6. College of American Pathologist quality manual
7. Simpson's Forensic Medicine, 13th Edition. Jason Payne - James, Richard Jones, Steven B Karch, John Manlove.
8. The Bethesda System for:

1-Reporting Thyroid Cytopathology: Definitions, Criteria and Explanatory Notes. 2010th Edition By Syed Ali and Edmund Cibas

2- The Bethesda System for Reporting Cervical Cytology: Definitions, Criteria, and Explanatory Notes. 3rd ed. 2015 Edition By Ritu Nayar and David Wilbur
9. Professionalism and Ethics, Handbook for Residents, Practical guide, Prof. James Ware, Dr. Abdulaziz Fahad Alkaabba, Dr. Ghaiath MA Hussein, Prof. Omar Hasan Kasule, SCFHS, Latest Edition.
10. Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition.
11. The Bethesda system for reporting thyroid cytopathology, Syed Z. Ali, Edmund S. Cibas, 2017

Note:

This list is intended for use as a study aid only. SCFHS does not intend the list to imply endorsement of these specific references, nor are the exam questions necessarily taken solely from these sources.





Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Surgical Pathology (including frozen section)	50%
2	Cytopathology	18%
3	Quality and Safety	12%
3	Special Stains and Immunohistochemistry	5%
5	Molecular and Cytogenetics studies and electron microscopy	5%
6	General Pathology	5%
7	Autopsy and Forensic Pathology	5%
Total		100%

Notes:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each section.
- 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.

