

SAUDI DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM

CLINICAL PHARMACY

Final Examination

Exam Format:

A Saudi diploma final specialty written examination shall consist of one papers each with 80-120 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. Pharmacotherapy: A pathophysiology Approach, Latest edition. New York: McGraw Hill; Dipro j, Talbert RL Yee CG, et.al
2. Latest Edition, ASHP Best Practices (Position and Guidance of ASHP)
3. 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.
4. Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition.

Note:

This list includes the latest published guidelines before July 2024, and it 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.





Final Written Exam Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Renal Diseases ¹	5%
2	Gastrointestinal/Hepatology Diseases ¹	5%
3	Pulmonary Diseases ¹	5%
4	Neurology ⁴ and Psychiatry ⁴	5%
5	Rheumatology ¹	5%
6	Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition	5%
7	Therapeutic Drug Monitoring	5%
8	Endocrinology, Diabetes Diseases ¹	10%
9	Acute Medical Diseases ¹	15%
10	Common Infectious Diseases ³	20%
11	Acute/Chronic Cardiovascular Diseases ²	20%
Total		100%

¹ Include: deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, diabetes, thyroid disorders, rheumatoid arthritis, liver diseases, stroke, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, anemia, Gastroesophageal reflux disease, peptic and duodenal ulcer disease, acute and chronic renal failure, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, shock and acid base imbalance.

²Acute/chronic cardiovascular diseases Include: ischemic heart disease, heart failure, arrhythmias and hypertension.

³Common infectious diseases include: urinary tract infection, sepsis, fungal infections, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), pneumonia, brucellosis, tuberculosis

⁴Neurology/psychiatry include: depression and epilepsy

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.

