



SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

The Saudi subspecialty fellowship and diplomas final written examination shall consist of one paper with 80-120 multiple-choice questions (single best answer out of four options). 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%.





Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Bacterial Diseases and Hospital-Acquired Infections	23%
2	AIDS/HIV/STD	13%
3	Clinical Microbiology and Antimicrobial Therapy	11%
4	Viral Diseases	9%
5	Mycobacteria	8%
6	Parasites, Tropical Infections and Zoonotic Infections	8%
7	Immunology/Vaccination	6%
8	Transplantation/Immunocompromised Host/Fungal Infections	15%
9	Infection Control/Epidemiology/Bioterrorism/Emerging Pathogens	7%
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.



Suggested References:

1. Mandel, Douglas and Bennett Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases, latest Edition.
2. Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy, latest Edition.
3. Guidelines (IDSA, WHO, CDC, DHHS, and AST).
4. Textbook of Diagnostic Microbiology, latest Edition.
5. Professionalism and Ethics, Handbook for Residents, Practical guide, latest Edition.
6. Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, latest Edition.
7. American Society of Microbiology (ASM). Manual of Clinical Microbiology.
8. Saudi MOH/ Public Health Authority Infectious Diseases Guidelines.

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.

