



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

CARDIAC SURGERY

Final Written 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- Kirklin/Barratt-Boyes Cardiac Surgery, 4th Edition
- 2- Sabiston and Spencer Surgery of the Chest, 9e 9th Edition
- 3- Cardiac Surgery in the Adult Fifth Edition 6th Edition
- 4- 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.
- 5- Essentials of Patient Safety, SCFS, Latest Edition.
- 6- Sabiston Testbook of Surgery by Mark Evers et al (20th edition)

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	Principles of Cardiac Surgical Care	16%
2	Adult Cardiac Surgery – Coronary	16%
3	Adult Cardiac Surgery - Valvular	16%
4	Adult Cardiac Surgery - Aorta	9%
5	Surgery for Heart Failure	11%
6	Pacemaker/ICD/EP Surgery	7%
7	Tumors and pericardial disease	5%
8	Congenital Cardiac Surgery	15%
9	CPB and Cardioplegia	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.

