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STAGE B – WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Sample Questions

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The Sample Papers on this website provide advice for those who are sitting the AFOEM Stage B Written Examination. Use these 2 Sample Papers and the accompanying one ('Answer the question') in your preparation for this exam.

There are two Sample Papers available including five questions each. These questions are based on previous examinations but have had modifications to closer match changes made to the examination format since they have been previously used.

Structure of the exam

The Stage B Written Examination is to assess your understanding of the Stage B curriculum. The exam itself consists of two (2) papers, each 3 hours in duration. Each paper is divided into five (5) questions, giving a total of ten (10) questions. Each question will usually have at least two (2) different settings, situations or clinical problems.

The pass mark is set by the Faculty Assessment Committee using a modified Angoff technique to identify the expected score on each sub-question that a minimally competent candidate would achieve. The sum of these scores is the indicative pass mark. Candidates who achieve a borderline score are considered individually, which may include consideration of the number of individual sub-questions completed successfully.

At this stage, you should read the document ('Answer the question') prepared by Dr David Goddard. He provides a detailed way in which to look at exam questions and to prepare an answer.

When you have read Dr Goddard's document, two (2) papers with five (5) sample questions modified from a previous year are available, to give you an idea of how the questions are currently written and a chance to practise answering them.

Each sample question is given as it would be in the exam. Questions are provided with the marking guides that the examiners use to mark the question. Please note that these marking guides were from a paper some years ago, so it is possible that there may have been some changes in occupational medical practice since that time. The marking guides will still however give you an idea as to how questions are typically marked. This is to give you the opportunity to try to do the questions blind under exam conditions. You should allow yourself 3 hours to do the five (5) sample questions.

We wish you all the best in your examinations.