

SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

FORENSIC MEDICINE

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

1. A Saudi board final specialty written examination shall consist of two papers each with 100-125 SBA MCQs. Ten unscored items can be added for pretesting purposes.
2. If any other assessment format is used, the CAC must agree to its implementation (for example Short Answer Question (SAQ) or Modified Essay Question (MEQ) formats).

Passing Score:

1. 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. Knight Forensic pathology
2. DiMaio Forensic pathology
3. Medicolegal investigation of death
4. Pathology of trauma
5. Encyclopedia of Forensic and legal medicine
6. Forensic medicine, clinical and pathological aspects
7. Clinical forensic medicine
8. Forensic sciences and medicine Journals
9. Forensic biology
10. Forensic radiology

11. 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.
12. Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest 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	Pathology	10%
2	Anatomy	5%
3	Forensic toxicology	10%
4	Forensic thanatology and identification	6%
5	Sudden death	10%
6	Mechanical and physical injuries	18%
7	Injuries due to physical agents and Road traffic accidents	5%
8	Asphyxia and immersion death	5%
9	Sudden infant death, death associated with pregnancy and Infanticide	5%
10	Death associated with surgical procedures	5%
11	Clinical forensic medicine	6%
12	DNA, Forensic odontology and radiology	10%
Research, Ethics & Professionalism and patient safety		5%
Total		100%

Note:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-3% in each category.
- Percentages and content are subject to change at any time. See the SCFHS website for the most up-to-date information.

Example Questions

EXAMPLE OF K2 QUESTIONS

Question 1

A previously healthy 40-year-old woman experiences a severe headache and loses consciousness within an hour. She is taken to the hospital where a CT scan of the head revealed extensive subarachnoid hemorrhage. She had no fever and her blood pressure was within normal limits. A lumbar puncture yielded cerebrospinal fluid with many red blood cells, but no white blood cells. The CSF glucose was normal.

Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

- A. Viral meningitis
- B. Cerebral infarction
- C. Ruptured berry aneurysm
- D. Acute bacterial meningitis

EXAMPLE OF K1

Question 2

Which of the following wound will most likely have shortening of an entrance?

- A. Re-entry
- B. Hard contact
- C. Loose contact
- D. Angled contact