

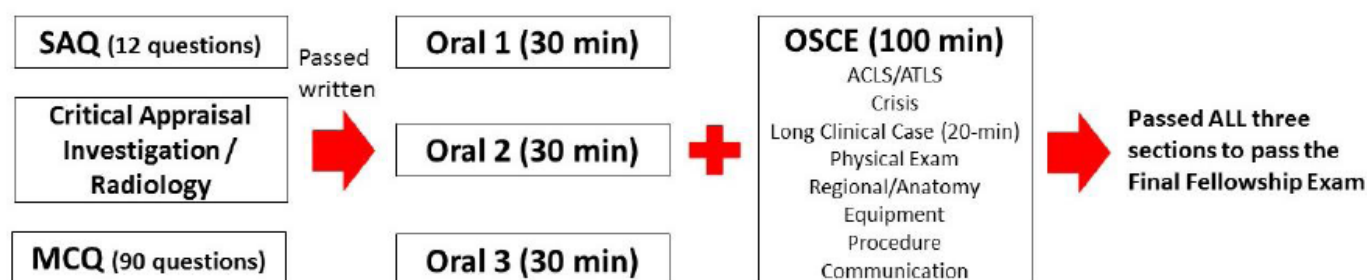


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Important Changes in the Final Fellowship Examination in 2018

The Board of Examinations will implement the following changes in the Final Fellowship Examination from the first examination in 2018. The purpose of this change is to broaden the coverage of the syllabus and to improve the logistics in examination organization. The followings summarize the changes:

- (1) A new Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) Exam in the written section, administered by the Royal College of Anaesthetists. Details of this paper can be found in <http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/node/3088>.
- (2) The two existing written papers will be combined as one 2-hour (12 questions) paper. This paper will contain both scenario-based and stand-alone short answer questions.
- (3) The current Critical Appraisal of Literature paper will be combined with another two written OSCE stations (Investigations and Radiology) as the third written paper.
- (4) The proposed time table for the written exam is:
Day 1:
Paper I (Short Answer Questions): 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Paper II (Critical Appraisal of Literature, Investigations and Radiology): 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
(estimated, including reading time)
Day 2:
Paper III (Multiple Choice Questions): 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- (5) Candidates must pass the entire written section in order to proceed to Oral and OSCE sections.
- (6) Candidates who pass the written but fail the Oral or OSCE sections will be allowed to carry forward their pass status for the written section and will be allowed to re-attempt the Oral/OSCE sections for the next 4 consecutive exams. After this time, a candidate must rewrite the entire written section in order to proceed to the Oral/OSCE.
- (7) The OSCE exam will remain as a 100-min exam with a number of stations. It should be noted that the Long Clinical Case will be a 20-min station. Although we have moved Investigations and Radiology to the Written sections, questions on these topics may still be asked in the Oral and OSCE stations, if deemed appropriate.
- (8) Candidates are required to pass both the Oral and OSCE to pass the Final Fellowship Exam.



Should you have any queries about this change, please contact the College for further information.

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