



NIHS RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

Psychiatry

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

National Institute for Health Specialties NIHS (Emirate 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:

The pass mark in the Final Written Examination will be determined according to the scientific standards and based on reliable practices in assessment.





Suggested References:

A) General:

1. Sadock, B. J., Sadock, V. A., & Ruiz, P. (2014). Kaplan and Sadock's synopsis of psychiatry: Behavioral science/clinical psychiatry.
2. Cowen, P., Harrison, P. J., Burns, T., & Gelder, M. G. (2012). Shorter Oxford textbook of psychiatry.
3. Gelder, M., Andreasen, N. C., Lopez-Ibor, J. J., & Geddes, J. R. 2nd edition (2009). New Oxford textbook of psychiatry. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
4. American Psychiatric Association. 5th edition (2013). Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders: DSM-5. Arlington, Va: American Psychiatric Association.

B) Psychotherapy:

1. Gabbard, G. O., & American Psychiatric Publishing. 1st edition (2008). Textbook of psychotherapeutic treatments. Washington, D.C: APPI.
2. Bender, S., & Messner, E. (2003). Becoming a therapist: What do I say, and why? New York: The Guilford Press.
3. Wright, J. H., Basco, M. R., & Thase, M. E. (2005). Learning cognitive-behavioral therapy: An illustrated guide. Washington, D.C: American Psychiatric.

C) Psychopharmacology:

1. Procyshyn, R. M. (2017). Clinical handbook of psychotropic drugs. Boston, MA: Hogrefe.
2. Stahl, S. M., & Muntner, N. (2017). Stahl's essential psychopharmacology: Neuroscientific basis and practical applications. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.





D) Subspecialties:

1. Robinson, R. G., & Amos, J. J. (2010). Psychosomatic medicine: An introduction to consultation-liaison psychiatry. Cambridge [etc.: Cambridge University Press.
2. Dulcan, M. K., Lake, M. B., Ballard, R., Jha, P., Sadhu, J., & American Psychiatric Association Publishing,. (2018). Concise guide to child and adolescent psychiatry.
3. Galanter, M., & Kleber, H. D. (2008). The American Psychiatric Publishing textbook of substance abuse treatment. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Pub.
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.
Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition.

Note:

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Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Neuro psychiatry	5%
2	Evidence-based medicine	5%
3	Schizophrenia Spectrum & Other Psychotic Disorders	5%
4	Depressive Disorders / Bipolar & Related Disorders	5%
5	Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders	5%
6	Personality, Trauma-Related, and Dissociative Disorders	5%
7	Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders	5%





8	Feeding & Eating Disorders	5%
9	Normal Sleep & Sleep-Wake Disorders	5%
10	Human Sexuality & Gender Dysphoria	5%
11	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	5%
12	Geriatric Psychiatry	5%
13	Forensic Psychiatry	5%
14	Emergency Psychiatry	5%
15	Psychosomatic / Consultation Liaison	5%
16	Psychotherapy	10%
17	Psychopharmacology	10%
18	Other Topics (Digital Psychiatry, Artificial Intelligence, and Ethics)	5%
Total		100%

Note:

- **¹Basic Sciences:** includes Neurosciences, Basic Psychology, Psychosocial Sciences, Sociocultural Sciences, and Theories of Personality etc.
- **²Essential Topics in Psychiatry:** includes Genetics, Epidemiology, Classification in Psychiatry, Ethics in Mental Health, Forensic Psychiatry, Public Psychiatry, and Other Conditions that may be a focus of clinical attention etc.
- **³Therapeutic Interventions:** includes Basic Psychopharmacology, Physical Therapy (ECT and Others), Psychotherapies, Psychosocial Interventions, and Complementary & Alternative Medicine etc.
- **⁴Psychosomatic Medicine (Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry):** includes Neurocognitive Disorders, and Somatic Symptoms & Related Disorders etc.
- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/- 5% in each category.
- Research, Ethics, Professionalism and Patient Safety are incorporated within the various domains.
- 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

An 18-year-old man with periods of excessive sleepiness that last for 3 weeks then subside with normal sleep. His mother reported overeating, self-isolation, irritability, and frequent masturbation during these periods. Examination revealed that he is morbidly obese.

Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

- A. Narcolepsy
- B. Primary Hypersomnia
- C. Kleine-Levin syndrome
- D. Delayed Sleep Phase Disorder

EXAMPLE OF K1 QUESTIONS

Question 2

Which of the following best describes the lack of additional content of speech due to mental illness?

- A. Alogia
- B. Abulia
- C. Avolition
- D. Asociality

