

HKCPsych PART II EXAMINATION

Paper

1. There is one paper.
2. The paper shall consist of two hundred questions. There are multiple choice questions (MCQs) and extended matching items (EMIs).
3. The MCQs are stem questions of five items, among which the best item is chosen. No marks will be deducted for incorrect responses.
4. The EMIs are stem questions of several items, answers to which are to be chosen from a list of options. No marks will be deducted for incorrect responses.
5. The candidate is given three hours to answer the paper.
6. Separate answer sheets will be provided.
7. Candidates must return all question books with the answer sheets.
8. All questions carry equal marks
9. Candidates should observe general guidelines for written examinations.

Clinical Examination

INDIVIDUAL PATIENT ASSESSMENT (IPA)

1. The clinical examination, which consists of two parts, the Individual Patient Assessment and the Patient Management Problems, is the most important part of the examination. Unless a candidate passes the clinical, they must fail the whole examination, however good the performance in all other parts. In view of this, the clinical examination must be approached with the utmost care by candidates and examiners.
2. Each candidate will have one hour to examine a patient and five minutes afterwards to organize their thoughts. They are not required to produce any written material to hand to the examiners.
3. The interview with the examiners is scheduled to occupy thirty minutes. Discussion will generally cover the following topics:

- a) Assessment - the candidate's overall view of the case deriving from salient features in the history and the findings on examination of the mental state; the diagnosis and differential diagnosis; the supposed aetiological factors.
- b) Management - further enquires and investigations; treatment, short-term and long-term (including the part that would be played by other members of the psychiatric team, and by the family etc.).
- c) Prognosis - review of the possible outcomes.

The examiners may raise general clinical or scientific questions stemming from consideration of the particular case.

4. Each candidate should be required to interview their patient in the presence of the examiners unless exceptional circumstances make this procedure inappropriate for the patient.
5. Candidates are expected to make a physical assessment; the accompanying notes give further guidance on this part of the examination. The necessary instruments and facilities will be available. Candidates will be asked routinely to give an account of whatever findings that may have elicited by physical examination.
6. Two weeks prior to the date of clinical examination, candidates should not visit the hospital to which they have been allocated, either to see patients or for any other purpose relevant to their forthcoming examination. Any queries concerning this should be addressed to the Board of Examiners.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CLINICAL EXAMINATION (IPA)

With these instructions, you will receive a schedule of your examination. Parking spaces are NOT available at examination centre.

Arrive at the clinical centre 15 minutes before designated examination time.

Please ensure that you arrive at the clinical centre on the day and time specified.

It is strictly forbidden to take any books, calculators, notes, writing paper, overcoats, handbags, cases, any piece of electronic, computer or other equipment into the interview room with the patient. Any breach of the regulations will lead to disqualification.

The senior organizer has been asked to indicate an area for you to deposit your coats and cases. However, you should note that the clinical centres cannot be held responsible for any loss.

Interview with the patient

You will be taken into the interview room and introduced to the patient. You have 60 minutes with the patient. The organizer will knock five minutes before the end of the 60 minutes interview. At the end of the interview, the patient will be taken out of the room. You will then have five minutes to gather your thoughts before you are taken to meet the examiners.

In the unlikely event of a candidate falling ill during the examination, the senior organizer should be notified.

Candidates are responsible for keeping the Chief Examiner informed of any changes of address or telephone number after the application for examination is made.

PATIENT MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS (PMP)

1. There will be two examiners.
2. Each examiner will ask two to three questions on patient management. The questions will be shown to the candidates in typewritten form. The questions can touch on any aspect of management which will tap onto the candidates' ability to reasonably treat patients in a variety of clinical situations.
3. In the allotted time only up to five questions can be asked.

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Trainee Casebook

Please refer to the separate guide on “Trainee Casebook” (2010 edition) issued by Education Committee and assessment form for Trainee Casebook.

RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT AND FEEDBACK

Examination results will be announced within one month after the examination (except for reassessment results for conditional pass candidates in the Part III examination, which may take about two months). Candidates will be informed of the results individually by mail.

Feedback

The Board of Examiners will automatically send feedback to the candidate who failed the examination. A copy will be sent to his/her trainer and tutor unless the candidate indicates that he/she does not agree to this in the examination application form.

Appeal

Candidates who wish to appeal against their examination results may raise their concerns to the Review Committee of the College within three months after the announcement of results. The examination papers, answer books and copies of dissertations submitted to the Board of Examiners for the Fellowship Examinations of that year would be kept for another 36 months, after which they will be destroyed.

An appeal fee equivalent to the examination fee will be charged. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is substantiated.