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GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES FC PAED SURG(SA) FINAL EXAMINATION

1.0 Structure of the FC Paed Surg(SA) Final Examination.

The examination will comprise:

1.1 Theoretical component

Aimed at examining the entire range of Paediatric Surgical theory and practice.

1.1.1 Two written papers of 3 hours each.

- Four questions in each paper
- Each question will be divided into 5 sub-sections.

1.1.2 Two oral examinations of 30 - 45 minutes each

1.2 Clinical component

1.2.1 A minimum of one long and 5 short cases

1.2.2 A Spot Test of 15 stations.

2.0 Weighting

2.1 Theoretical Components:

Paper 1	15%
Paper 2	15%
Oral 1	10%
Oral 2	10%

2.2 Clinical Components:

Long case(s)	20%
Short Cases	15%
Spot Test	15%

3.0 Criteria for invitation to the Clinical and Oral Examinations

Invitations to the clinical and oral examination require a minimum mark of 45% in each of the written papers.

4.0 Criteria for passing

The candidate will be required to achieve **all** of the following:

- An average mark in the examination of 50% or greater.
- A mark of 50% or greater in the Clinical Component (Clinical and Spot Test combined).
 - The candidate may not fail more than one part in the Clinical Examination (Long case(s), Short cases, and Spot Test.)
- A mark of 50% or greater in each oral examination.

5.0 Portfolio of Learning

5.1 Submission of the Portfolio of Learning in an electronic format to the CMSA is required 3 months before the written examination.

5.1.1 Should the examiners deem a candidate's experience inadequate for practice in Paediatric Surgery, entry to the examination will be withheld until the deficiencies have been corrected

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