



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

A Saudi 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 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%.



Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Congenital and developmental disorders of the nervous system	6%
2	Stroke and cerebrovascular disorders	7%
3	Seizures, epilepsy, and epileptic syndromes	16%
4	Headache and pain disorders	7%
5	Disorders of Development, language, and behavior, including psychiatric disorders in children & adolescents	6%
6	Neurologic complications of systemic diseases: including neuroinfectious diseases, complications of rheumatologic, immune deficiency, and autoimmune disorders	14%
7	Neuromuscular disorders in childhood and adolescence	7%
8	Traumatic injury to brain and spine /sports injuries	5%
9	Neuro-oncology: tumors of the central and peripheral nervous system	5%
10	Neuro-ophthalmology: Disorders of eye and vision related to neurologic disorders	5%
11	Movement disorders	7%
12	Neurogenetic disorders (including metabolic, neurocutaneous, and neurogenetic syndromes)	15%
Total		100%





Note:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each category.
- Percentages and content are subject to change at any time. See the SCFHS website for the most up-to-date information.
- Research, Ethics, Professionalism and Patient Safety are incorporated within various domains.

Suggested References:

- Swaiman's Pediatric Neurology.
- Neurology of the Newborn – Joseph Volpe.
- Bradley's Neurology in Clinical Practice.
- Up-to-date online resource.
- Pediatric Neuroimaging by James Barkovich
- Continuum journal – last five years.
- Neurology of Hereditary metabolic diseases by Kolodny and Pastores
- Seminars in Pediatric Neurology- last five years.
- Clinical neurophysiology of infants, childhood and adolescence by Holmes et al.
- Wyllie's textbook of Epilepsy
- 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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