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JOHANNESBURG OFFICE **EXAMINATIONS & CREDENTIALS**

INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR EXAMINERS FOR THE INTERMEDIATES EXAMINATION OF THE COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Regulations for admission to the intermediate examination of the Fellowship of Obstetrics and Gynaecology are found on the COG website. These regulations contain essential information such as the requirements for training times, programs and training centres, and the syllabus, which forms a general, but not exhaustive, guide to the examinations in the examination.

1.1 PRE-REQUISITES FOR ENTRY TO THE EXAMINATION

Before being allowed to enter the intermediate examination of the College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, candidates must submit proof of completed training time and should have passed the primary examination of the Fellowship of the College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in compliance with the regulations at the time of entry into the examination.

The proof of completed time must reach the Academic Registrar in Johannesburg before the dates published on the CMSA website as submitted for the application process.

1.1.1 TRAINING

Candidates may enter the examination after a minimum of 12 months of full-time training post in an accredited training facility that meets the criteria of both the HPCSA and CMSA facility for specialty training.

Training at more than one centre is encouraged, however, a minimum of 12 months of training at a recognized South African training centre is required.

2.0 EXAMINATION PANELS

Each three-person examining panel consists of one convenor, one moderator, and four examiners from at least four universities selected by the appointing subcommittee. Examiners should be specialists who had previous part 1 examination experience or have been trained in setting and marking the intermediate examination. Part 2 and Subspecialty examination experience is not required. Intermediate Examination subcommittees (IEC) submit at least six examiners' names for the coming year, of which 1 will be a convener and 1 moderator to the President of the COG who approves all examination panels.

3.0 MODERATOR

The moderator should be a specialist who preferably has been an examiner in the other FCOG examinations or has been a convenor at the College of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology examinations level before. The moderator must ensure fairness, equity, and adherence to the blueprint. The President of the COG will appoint the moderator on recommendation from the IEC.

4.0 WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPERS

4.1 SETTING OF PAPER

The subcommittee for the intermediate examination takes responsibility for all assessment and related matters and reports back to the COG. The examination panel will be responsible for submitting a bank of questions to the convenor of the following examination. The convenor of the following examination will set the paper from the question bank according to the blueprint of the relevant examination, which will be shared with the moderator for approval. In addition, a bank of single-best-answer questions will be developed and securely kept by the chair of the IEC for use as part of the paper in future.

4.2 CONTENT AND LAYOUT

There will be one written paper of single best questions accounting for 150 marks. The written examination paper will consist of questions that covers all sections as listed on the blueprint. Questions will cover low-order-thinking and high-order-thinking questions as per the blueprint. Candidates will have three hours to complete the paper.

4.3 MARKING OF THE PAPER

Each examination paper will be computer-marked. The marking will be validated by the moderator and finalized by the IEC.

4.4 PASS MARK AND INVITATION TO CLINICAL EXAMINATION

Candidates writing the intermediate examination of the Fellowship of the College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology must pass the paper with an average of 50% to be considered to have passed the examination.

Marks are submitted to the convenor to calculate and share the final marks with the moderator. The convenor will round up the final mark only. The Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (CMSA) receives the approved list of candidates, the marks, and the outcome.

4.5 FINAL ASSESSMENT AND DISPLAY OF RESULTS

The final mark will be weighted and calculated as a total from all the questions, sections, and subsections of the single paper. No marks from the portfolio or any other assessments.

The outcome of the examination (pass or fail) will be communicated to candidates after the examiner's meeting on the date determined by the COG and ratified by the Senate. The CMSA will communicate the final marks to candidates.

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