Year 5 Examination information 2012-13

**Written Papers**

* Written paper will contain a mixture of EMQ and SBA format of questions. The examination will require 180 responses. The paper will examine knowledge in both primary and secondary care in:
* Paediatrics
* Psychiatry
* O&G.
* Pathology paper will contain 175 EMQ responses.

**PACES** – Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

Each candidate will only be required to attend one session during this time. If you wish to request a specific day for your clinical examination, please contact [FEO-exams@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:FEO-exams@imperial.ac.uk) by 23 February 2013. We do not guarantee we will be able to meet all requests.

You are advised to arrive at least 20 minutes before your stated examination time for a candidate briefing before the examination starts

* The examination will contain 6 stations of 15 minutes with 2 minutes between each station.
* PACES will examine knowledge in Paediatrics, Psychiatry, O&G in both primary and secondary care.
* There will be differences between the morning and afternoon stations each day.
* Please say what you observe and do not listen to your friends about the content of the examination.

**General Guidance**

* Examiners will guide you and will not attempt to trip you up
* Examiners may ask about investigations and/or further management plans
* Each station is evaluated separately, and poor performance on one station only will not automatically result in a fail grade for the examination.
* Paper and pencils are provided in all stations
* There are no ‘killer’ stations or items which result in an automatic fail
* If you have a ‘bad station’ – put it behind you and keep your nerve

So please - really do, Keep Calm and Carry On.

**How are PACES marked?**

For each station, trained examiners will use grade descriptors to judge your performance in the 4 domains:

* Clinical skills
* Formulation of clinical issues
* Discussion of management
* Professionalism and patient centred approach

Your marks for all 6 stations are aggregated.

**If you finish a station early**

You should not interpret this as doing either well or badly, just concentrate on the consultation in hand and doing what you need to do for the patient.

**Introducing yourself**

You are advised to introduce yourself as Mr/Miss X, medical student at Imperial, but you will be acting as an F1. You will not be penalised if you introduce yourself as a foundation doctor in the heat of the moment.

**Are the any issues that could affect your examinations?**

You must email [feo.mitcircs@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:feo.mitcircs@imperial.ac.uk) if you have any mitigating circumstances which must be corroborated by written evidence.

See <https://education.med.imperial.ac.uk/Years/mitcirc56.htm> for more information.