Graduate Entry Year 1

Assessment and examinations 2011/12

The examination and assessment procedures at each stage of your course are designed:

• to test whether you have made adequate progress towards acquiring the knowledge,   
skills and professional attitudes and values needed for competent, effective and caring medical practice;

• to test whether you have established a sound foundation for further clinical and  
scientific learning;

• to reward particularly good candidates through the award of a Distinction or Merit.

Your learning in Year 1 of the Graduate Entry programme is formally assessed by the GE Year 1 examinations in April and June (resits are in August) and by elements of in-course assessment throughout the year. The marks from these examinations and assessments determine whether you have passed the first year of the course and can proceed to GE Year 2. For dates list see: <https://education.med.imperial.ac.uk/Years/GE1112/exams/dates.docx>

**Written papers in the GE Year 1 2012 summative examinations are as follows:**

**Paper 1** – Cellular & Molecular Science (2½ hours)

Subjects examined:

* Cellular & Molecular Science including all subjects covered in revision lectures and Genetics, Haematology and Metabolism.

120 items in total:

75 Single Best Answers (SBAs)

9 x 5-option Extended Matching Questions (EMQs)

**Paper 2** – Regional and Systems Anatomy (3 hours)

Subjects examined:

* Anatomy: Thorax
* Anatomy: Abdo & Pelvis
* Anatomy: Limbs
* Anatomy: Head, Neck & Spine

140 items in total:

105 SBAs & 7 x 5-option EMQs

**Paper 3 –** Regulatory Systems (2 hours)

Subjects examined:

* Endocrinology
* Gerontology
* Musculoskeletal
* Neuroscience
* Pharmacology
* Reproductive Medicine

95 items in total:

70 SBAs & 5 x 5-option EMQs

**Paper 4 –** Support Systems (2 hours)

Subjects examined:

* Alimentary
* Cardiovascular
* Dermatology
* Immunology
* Microbiology & Infectious Disease
* Pathology
* Renal
* Respiratory

95 items in total:

45 SBAs, 8 x 5-option EMQs, one Short Answer Question (SAQ)

**Distinctions, Merits & Prizes**

If you pass all papers and sections at the first attempt you may be eligible for a pass with Distinction\* or Merit\*. In addition, prizes may be awarded to students with the best achievements in the GE Year 1 examinations\*.

\* *Not available to students who are repeating the Year.*

**Epidemiology, Society & Health (summative in-class assessment)**

40 items in total:

*provisional format*: Soc & Health 20 SBAs, EiP 15 SBAs and one x 5-option EMQ

**Notes:**

* In examination papers based on several courses, individual questions may integrate material from more than one of the courses covered in the paper and its sections when relevant.
* Students are no longerpermitted to bring their own calculators to the summative examinations – if a calculator is required it will be provided for you.
* Students should ensure that they are familiar with College policy concerning the conduct of written examinations. Details can be viewed on the intranet at: <https://education.med.imperial.ac.uk/Policies/conduct.docx>