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R E G U L A T I O N S
FOR ADMISSION TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF
THE COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS OF SOUTH AFRICA
FC Paed(SA)

1.0 STRUCTURE

1.1 The examination comprises Part I and Part II : Part II must be passed within six years of passing Part I, failing which Part I will have to be repeated

2.0 CONCURRENT ADMISSION TO PARTS I AND II

2.1 Part I and Part II may be taken concurrently if all training requirements for entry into Part I and Part II have been completed

2.2 If the candidate at one and the same examination session passes Part I but fails Part II, he will receive credit for Part I and may proceed to Part II at a subsequent examination

2.3 If the candidate at one and the same examination session fails Part I but passes Part II, no credit will be given for passing Part II

3.0 ADMISSION TO THE PART I EXAMINATION
(to be read in conjunction with the Instructions)

3.1 The candidate must hold a postinternship qualification to practise medicine which is registered or registrable with the Health Professions Council of South Africa

3.2 The CMSA Senate, through its Examinations and Credentials Committee, will review the eligibility of candidates (this may include their professional and ethical standing) before admission to the examination is accepted

4.0 SYLLABUS

4.1 Basic Sciences and therapeutics of importance to the care of the paediatric age group, which includes:

4.1.1 the normal and abnormal growth and development of the infant and child

4.1.2 the embryology and anatomy applicable to the above

4.1.3 relevant epidemiology, statistics, genetics, physiology, biochemistry, pathology, microbiology and parasitology

4.1.4 the principles of therapeutics

NOTE: When accepted for the examination, candidates receive detailed guidelines on the syllabus

5.0 CONDUCT OF THE PART I EXAMINATION**5.1 Paper 1:**

Part A: Scenario based short answer questions(90 minutes)

Part B: MCQ (90 minutes)

- multiple correct answers (X type)
- single correct answer (A type)
- extended matching questions (R type)

5.2 Paper 2

- Short note type questions

5.3 Paper 3

- Theme based questions

5.4 All written papers will only be published in English

5.5 Candidates retain the option of answering written examination questions in Afrikaans

6.0 ADMISSION TO THE PART II EXAMINATION

(to be read in conjunction with the Instructions)

6.1 A candidate may be admitted to the Part II examination if he/she has:

6.1.1 passed Part I or intends taking Parts I and II concurrently

6.1.2 been qualified to practise medicine for a period of not less than five years, including the two years of internship

6.1.3 completed a minimum of **30 months** of full-time training in an approved paediatric registrar post with an HPCSA registrar number

6.1.4 evidence of completion of either the APLS or PALS course, within the 5 years preceding application to the examination

6.2 The CMSA may accept part-time training that constitutes up to 50% of the candidates total training time as a registrar provided that the candidate has undertaken this training in a part-time training programme that has been approved by the Health Professions Council of South Africa and the candidate submits evidence to this effect

7.0 SYLLABUS FOR THE PART II EXAMINATION

- 7.1 In broad terms the examination will cover the principles and practise of paediatrics and child health
- 7.2 When accepted for the examination, candidates will receive detailed guidelines on the syllabus

8.0 CONDUCT OF THE PART II EXAMINATION

- 8.1 A written examination comprising:
- 8.1.1 a written OSCE lasting 3 hours
 - 8.1.2 two papers of 3 hours each.
 - Paper 2: will consist of short notes type questions
 - Paper 3: will consist of 4 questions with a theme and subsections within the question (45 minutes each).
 - 8.1.3 All written papers will only be published in English
 - 8.1.4 Candidates retain the option of answering written examination questions in Afrikaans

The mark for section 8.1 will be derived from a combination of the two written papers and the OSCE

- 8.2 A clinical examination comprising: three cases studied at the bedside. The cases are presented to the examiners and discussions will include a comprehensive review of the clinical conditions and the relevant special investigations and management
- 8.3 The written and clinical sections will each count for 50% of the final mark. The distribution of the marks for the three written papers will be 16.6% each (OSCE, short notes and theme based questions).
- 8.4 The minimum written examination mark for invitation to the clinical examination is 45%, but a pass of $\geq 50\%$ is required in at least the data interpretation paper (Papers 1) OR the two theoretical papers (Paper 2 and 3) combined.

9.0 ADMISSION AS A FELLOW

9.1 The candidate having passed the examination and having been admitted as a Fellow of the College of Paediatricians of South Africa, will be asked to sign a declaration, as under:

I, the undersigned, do solemnly and sincerely declare

that while a member of the CMSA I will at all times do all within my power to promote the objects of the CMSA and uphold the dignity of the CMSA and its members

that I will observe the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, By-laws, Regulations and Code of Ethics of the CMSA as in force from time to time

that I will obey every lawful summons issued by order of the Senate of the said CMSA, having no reasonable excuse to the contrary

and I make this solemn declaration faithfully promising to adhere to its terms

Signed at thisday of

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Signature

Witness

(who must be a Founder, Associate Founder, Fellow, Member, Diplomate or Commissioner of Oaths)

9.2 A two-thirds majority of members of the CMSA Senate present at the relevant meeting shall be necessary for the award to any candidate of a Fellowship

9.3 A Fellow shall be entitled to the appropriate form of certificate under the seal of the CMSA

9.4 In the event of a candidate not being awarded the Fellowship (after having passed the examination) the examination fee shall be refunded in full

9.5 The first annual subscription is due one year after registration (statements are rendered annually)