

SCE in Palliative medicine Blueprint

Candidates are tested on a wide range of common and important disorders as set out in the syllabus of the curriculum.

The composition of the paper is as follows:

Topics	Number of questions *	Topic codes
Management of life-limiting disease	20	TA1, TA2
Pain (assessment and management)	15	TB1, TB2
Other symptoms / clinical problems secondary to life-limiting disease:	48	
– Gastrointestinal		TC1
– Skin		TC2
– Respiratory		TC3
– Genito-urinary		TC4
– Metabolic		TC5
– Neurological		TC6
– Psychiatric		TC7
– Other (e.g. treatment-induced)		TC8
Clinical problems unrelated to cancer	20	TD
Management of emergencies:	20	
– Cardiovascular system		TE1
– Respiratory tract		TE2
– Metabolic		TE3
– Urinary tract		TE4
– Central nervous system		TE5
– Psychological		TE6
– Drug-induced		TE7
– Other (e.g. massive haemorrhage)		TE8
Practical procedures	5	TF
Pharmacology and therapeutics	35	TG1, TG2, TG3
Rehabilitation	2	TH
Care of the dying patient and their family	20	TI
Legal issues	15	TJ1, TJ2, TJ3, TJ4
Total	200	

* This should be taken as an indication of the likely number of questions – the actual number may vary slightly

The questions in each category are distributed across both papers.