

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 *
Management of life-limiting disease	20
Pain (assessment and management)	15
Other symptoms / clinical problems secondary to life-limiting disease:	48
– Gastrointestinal	
– Skin	
– Respiratory	
– Genitourinary	
– Metabolic	
– Neurological	
– Psychiatric	
– Other (e.g. treatment-induced)	
Clinical problems unrelated to cancer	20
Management of emergencies:	20
– Cardiovascular system	
– Respiratory tract	
– Metabolic	
– Urinary tract	
– Central nervous system	
– Psychological	
– Drug-induced	
– Other (e.g. massive haemorrhage)	
Practical procedures	5
Pharmacology and therapeutics	35
Rehabilitation	2
Care of the dying patient and their family	20
Legal issues	15
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.