

Our team has carefully reviewed the changes made to the ADC Written Exam Structure-

The revised written examination is designed to provide you with a greater opportunity to showcase your application of knowledge of the science and practice of dentistry in a clinical situation and to pass the examination by your performance across the entire examination, rather than by paper.

Please note the following-

1-

Old- The examination consists of a total of 320 questions across four papers, with 80 questions in each paper.

New- The examination consists of a total of 280 questions across four papers, with 70 questions in each paper.

2-

Old- 50% questions are scenario-based, single-best-answer multiple choice question format.

50% stand-alone, single-best-answer multiple choice question format.

New- All (100%) questions are scenario-based, single-best-answer multiple choice question format.

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Assessment-

Old-

-4 Papers, 2 on each day.

-You were assessed on the basis of each paper which contained a specific set of subjects.

-Example-Paper 1 contained Operative Dentistry, Endodontics, Dental Materials, Dental Pulp, Dental Caries, Tooth Conservation.

-You would have questions in Paper 1 related to these core subjects only. The same was true for Paper 2,3,4.

-You had to pass EACH of the 4 papers (Grade A/B/C) to get an overall pass grade.

New-

-There will be 4 Sections in the exam which basically means there will be 4 papers in the exam.

-2 Papers on day one of the exam and 2 Papers on day two of the exam.

-Each examination paper contains a mix of questions from different subjects of Dentistry.

-The complete examination (ALL 4 Papers) will contain the following subjects (Subject is called as Disciplines in the new format)-

Dental emergencies 7%

Endodontics 8%

General medicine (inc. medical emergencies and special needs dentistry) 9%

Infection prevention and control 5%

Oral medicine and pathology 9%

Oral surgery 8%

Pediatric dentistry and orthodontics 8%

Pain and behavior management 7%

Periodontics 8%

Preventive dentistry 8%

Radiography 5%

Removable prosthodontics 6%

Restorative dentistry (inc. fixed prosthodontics) 12%

If you add all these percentages, the total is 100 %.

They also mentioned SUBDISCIPLINES(SUB-SUBJECTS)

Implants 4% Pharmacology 10% which will be tested within the main subject (Disciplines) as mentioned above.

Now you need to remember here that there are 4 papers in the exam, but you can get questions from any discipline(subject) in any paper unlike in the past where each paper used to focus on particular sets of subjects.

Now this is the major difference between the old and the new pattern.

In the New pattern, each SECTION (PAPER) will NOT be specific to a particular set of subjects like in the old pattern, rather EACH Paper will contain questions from ALL the subjects(disciplines) of dentistry as mentioned above.

The Entire exam (All 4 papers) will follow this , for example, there will be 7% questions related to dental emergencies in the entire exam, but you won't know in which paper its going to come, It can be in Paper 1,2,3 or 4

ADC written examination blueprint General dentistry		Domains										
		Professionalism (1)	Health promotion (4)	Clinical information gathering (6.1)	Diagnosis and management planning (6.2)	Clinical treatment and evaluation (6.3)						
		Cluster 1		Cluster 2	Cluster 3	Cluster 4						
Target % of questions		8%	12%	30%	30%	20%						
Disciplines	Dental emergencies	7%	<p>Examination format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenario-based, multiple-choice questions • 240 scored questions • 40 unscored questions <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Subdisciplines (assessed across multiple disciplines)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Implants</td> <td>4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pharmacology</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Subdisciplines (assessed across multiple disciplines)		Implants	4%	Pharmacology	10%
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-ADC will judge you across 4 CLUSTERS IN EACH PAPER OF THE EXAM.

This means for each of the 4 papers of the exam, you will be marked under 4 main headings(cluster)-

Cluster 1: Professionalism 8% Health Promotion 12%
(Combined is 20 %)

Cluster 2: Clinical information gathering 30 %

Cluster 3: Diagnosis and management planning 30 %

Cluster 4: Clinical treatment and evaluation 20 %

ADC WILL DO THIS 4 TIMES, WHICH MEANS ONCE FOR EACH SECTION(PAPER).

THEN YOUR SCORE FOR THE CLUSTER FOR EACH OF THE 4 PAPERS WILL BE ADDED AND A TOTAL SCORE FOR THAT CLUSTER WILL BE CALCULATED.

To pass the written examination, you must pass all four written examination clusters by achieving a grade of A or B for each cluster.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EXAMPLE SCORE SHEET.

FOR EXPLANATION PURPOSE ONLY!

ACTUAL SCORES AND NUMBERS ARE DECIDED BY ADC!

	PAPER 1	PAPER 2	PAPER 3	PAPER 4	Total	GRADE	Result
CLUSTER 1	18/20	13/20	18/20	15/20	64	B	PASS
CLUSTER 2	25/30	25/30	21/30	23/30	94	A	PASS
CLUSTER 3	20/30	18/30	21/30	28/30	87	C	FAIL
CLUSTER 4	18/20	18/20	16/20	17/20	69	B	PASS

YOUR SCORE FOR EACH CLUSTER IN EACH PAPER IS ADDED TO THE TOTAL CLUSTER SCORE.

THIS CANDIDATE SCORED 64 IN CLUSTER 1 ACROSS 4 PAPERS, ADC SET GRADE A ABOVE 65 AND GRADE B ABOVE 62 IN CLUSTER 1, SINCE THE CANDIDATE GOT 64, HE GOT B GRADE AND PASSED THE CLUSTER.

HE PASSED THE CLUSTER 2 AND 4 IN THE SAME WAY.

IN CLUSTER 3, HE SCORED 87 IN CLUSTER 3 ACROSS 4 PAPERS, ADC SET GRADE A ABOVE 95, GRADE B ABOVE 88 AND GRADE C ABOVE 84. SINCE HE SCORED 87, WHICH COMES UNDER GRADE C, SO HE FAILED THE CLUSTER. AS ADC REQUIRES YOU TO PASS EACH CLUSTER WITH GRADE A OR B, UNFORTUNATELY, THIS CANDIDATE FAILED THE ENTIRE EXAM DESPITE PASSING CLUSTER 1, 2 AND 4.

There is not a set pass mark for the written examination or for each cluster. The pass mark is determined for each cluster by

taking into consideration the difficulty of each question used in the examination.

ADC ALSO MENTIONED -Scored and unscored items.

Of the 280 questions in the written examination, 240 are 'scored' questions which count towards the passing requirement. The remaining 40 questions are 'unscored' questions. This means that they are included in the examination for calibration and testing, but do not count towards your grade.

DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THIS, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CANDIDATE AS THEY ARE USING IT FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSE!!

A VERY COMMON QUESTION WE GET NOW IS-

What to do now as the pattern is changed and I don't know what to study now-

PLEASE REMEMBER, THE STUDY MATERIAL STILL REMAINS THE SAME. THE REFERENCES STILL REMAIN THE SAME.

AS THE SUBJECTS TARGETTED ARE STILL THE SAME, THE CONTENT OF THOSE SUBJECTS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IS STILL THE SAME.

EVEN IN THE SAMPLE SCENARIO BASED QUESTIONS ADC PROVIDED ON THEIR WEBSITE, IT IS THE SAME TYPE OF QUESTION THAT USED TO COME BEFORE.

SO DON'T STRESS OUT, RATHER THAN PREPAIRING PAPER-WISE AND TARGETING PARTICULAR SETS OF SUBJECTS FOR EACH PAPER, YOU HAVE TO PREPARE IN A COMMULATIVE WAY NOW WHERE YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ASSIGN A PARTICULAR SUBJECT TO A PARTICULAR PAPER AND PREPARE FOR A SUBJECT WITH THE BELIEVE THAT IT CAN COME IN ANY OF THE 4 PAPERS.

CANDIDATES ENROLLED WITH US KNOW THAT WE ALWAYS FOCUSSED ON CONCEPTUAL LEARNING AND INCLUDE HUGE NUMBER OF SCENARIO BASED QUESTIONS IN OUR MOCK AND SUPER MOCK EXAMS, SO THIS WILL HELP YOU A LOT NOW SINCE THIS IS ALL THAT WILL COME IN THE EXAM + WE WILL INCLUDE NEW SETS OF SCENARIOS BASED QUESTIONS VERY SOON.

THANK YOU

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