

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 *
Care of the dying patient	20
Management of concurrent clinical problems unrelated to progressive illness	20
Legal issues	15
Management of emergencies	20
Palliation of life-limiting disease:	20
– Principles of neurodegenerative illness management	
– Principles of cancer management	
– Principles of cardiovascular disease management	
– Principles of respiratory illness management	
– Principles of frailty and multi-morbidity management	
– Other e.g. HIV/progressive auto-immune/inflammatory conditions	
– Conditions affecting teenage & young adults	
Other symptoms/clinical problems secondary to life-limiting disease:	48
– Gastrointestinal	
– Skin	
– Respiratory	
– Genitourinary	
– Metabolic	
– Neurological	
– Psychiatric	
– Other (e.g. treatment-induced)	
Pain	15
Pharmacology and therapeutics	35
Practical procedures	5
Rehabilitation	2
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.