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CMSA FCA(SA) Part I – FS 2024

Dear candidates, tutors and faculty

NOTICE OF CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR FIRST SEMESTER 2024: FCA(SA) PART I

The Fellowship of the College of Anaesthetists is modernising assessment methods to ensure the competency of graduating Anaesthesiologists in the dynamic demanding work environment. Some of the changes will include the integration of the domains of learning to promote interrelatedness, patient focus and workplace applicability. Workplace-based assessments will be introduced as part of the continuous learning process. In line with the proposed changes and the introduction of a new integrated curriculum, the College of Anaesthetists will change the format of the FCA(SA) Part I paper as of the first semester 2024.

The FCA(SA) Part I examination will **no longer** consist of the traditional three subjects with a total of six papers. The new FCA 1 examination will consist of **four papers: two short answer question [SAQ] papers and two single best answer [SBA] papers, each consisting of integrated questions combining the three subjects:**

1. Pharmacology
2. Anatomy, Physiology, Medical Biochemistry and Clinical pathology.
3. Physics, Clinical measurement, Anaesthetic environment and equipment.

Marks for the four papers will be aggregated, and the overall pass mark will be determined by applying Cohen standard setting, to the total mark of all four papers.

Due to the variability of the contents of each paper, supplementaries will not be offered. **Candidates who do not pass the examination, will have to sit for all four papers at a subsequent examination.**

It should be noted that any candidate who has not completed the requirements for FCA(SA) Part I under the old regulations by the end of December 2023, will have to re-enter under the new regulations.

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