**Regarding this Examination**

The clinical exam consists of TOACS only.

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**TOACS (10 marks)**

Task-Oriented Assessment of Clinical Skills (TOACS) will be held at all centres, for all the candidates declared eligible for TOACS examination. Candidates will be sent information regarding the schedule of TOACS by the Examination Department.

In the TOACS the candidates will be evaluated on procedures, x-rays, laboratory findings, instruments, specimens, patients etc. This component of examination will consist of 12 to 20 stations, 4-8 minutes per station arranged in the examination hall and the candidates will have to rotate through all of them in turn. The TOACS stations will be of two types:

- Observed / Interactive
- Unobserved / Static

**DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Entry with admit card only.
   The candidates must display their admit cards on their white coats throughout the examination.

2. Response sheet:
   - At the static station of TOACS each candidate will be provided with a response sheet. Candidates must write their roll number on the response sheet before starting TOACS examination.
   - The candidate will put his/her response sheet into a box placed outside the static station. No other papers will be allowed in the examination hall.

3. The candidate is not supposed to remove any document or material from any station.

4. Each station will carry equal weightage. Every station must be attempted.

5. A specified time will be allotted at each station which will be signaled by a bell.

6. Candidates are not permitted to bring gadget, watches with beep alarm, computer communication with memory capability, electronic paging devices, communication devices including **CELLULAR TELEPHONES** or other electronic devices. No telephone messages (SMS) can be sent / received during examination timing. Upon responsible suspicion of possessing any such material which could be helpful in solving the paper / question in examination will not only be confiscated but the candidate would be liable for disciplinary action including exclusion for the examination / further attempts.

7. Candidates are not allowed to wear ear plugs, hands free, bluetooth during the examination.
8. Candidates are required to maintain strict silence in the examination hall.

9. In addition to the detailed instructions enclosed, the candidates will also receive verbal instructions at the time of the examination.

NOTE: The candidate are required to fill a self explanatory “feedback proforma” at the end of the examination.

**Conduct of Examination**

1. The examination is in the form of a circuit. At the start the candidate would occupy the station allocated to him / her according to their roll number, and will move to the next station when the bell rings.

2. At these stations clear instructions would be written for performance of a task. The candidate is expected to read the instructions and act accordingly.

   On unobserved / static stations the candidate will be presented with a clinical case, laboratory data, x-ray, ultrasound, CT scan, instrument, specimen etc. and will be asked to give written responses to questions asked.

   In the observed / interactive stations the candidate will have to perform a procedure for example taking history, performing clinical examination, counseling, assembling an instrument etc. One examiner will be present at each such station who will either rate the performance of the candidate or ask questions testing the reasoning and problem-solving skills.

3. The performance of each candidate will be assessed by the examiners on a pre determined assessment form and the candidates will have to submit written responses to one-best / short answer questions in the response sheet.

4. Candidates will rotate through the stations in this way till they have completed the circuit. They will move only in one direction as displayed in the hall by arrow marks and will not be allowed to go back to the previous station.

**Criteria for Passing**

The candidates will be evaluated only on the basis of their performance on TOACS stations. For passing, the candidate will be required to score 60% marks in the aggregate of all stations.

No minimum score is required to be obtained at each station.