

**Guide for Developing Questions for the ECVCP Examination  
Appendix 1 (1.7.1.)**

## ECVCP Board Examination

### Multiple Choice Question formatting reference

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Please copy/paste this question template directly to maintain formatting.

Please refer to the Guide to Writing Questions for more guidance of types of questions that are acceptable and guidance on writing clear, concise questions and foils.

#### **1. Stem of question.**

- A. Foil A
- B. Foil B
- C. Foil C
- D. Foil D

#### **Answer:**

Reference:

Contributor:

Category:

Q type:

Source type:

#### Notes:

- No tabs – use a single space after question number & foil letter
- Do not use final period in foils
- Arrange foils in increasing order of length
- Place an asterisk in front of the letter of the correct answer
- Highlight the correct answer in yellow
- Note the letter and text of the correct answer under the question on the line “answer” (i.e.: A. This is the text to Foil A)
  
- Use a short/abbreviated format for the reference citation. For articles, please include DOI information.
- For the reference, **LIST THE PAGE NUMBER** on which the correct answer may be found. Please don’t make us read the entire chapter of Zachary to figure out if there’s a better way to word a question or answer.
  
- Category: refer to the category document. Every question should have at least 4 categories. These categories help us ensure an adequate question spread throughout each exam section and the entire exam.

- **yXXXX** to indicate year used (i.e., y2024). If a question is being reused from a previous year, include that year here as well to help us keep track of when a question was last asked.
  - **se-ABC** to indicate which of the four exam sections the question is in
  - **sp-LMN** to indicate species
  - **su-XYZ** to indicate the topic being tested (e.g., which body system)
  - Very few questions should apply to more than one section, though it is possible (e.g., a question regarding a haematology analyser methodology might be found in Hematology or General Clinical Pathology)
  - Many questions may have more than one subject category (e.g., inherited disorders and haemostasis)
- Question type: (P)OBA vs TF. Refer to category document for further guidance
  - Source type: “textbook” vs “journal;” if journal, note which journal (abbreviate – e.g., VCP, JVIM)

**Example:**

**12. Which morphologic change is observed in reversible cell injury?**

- A. Severe nuclear change
- B. Disruption of lysosomes
- \*C. Swelling of endoplasmic reticulum
- D. Amorphous densities in mitochondria

**Correct Answer: C. Swelling of endoplasmic reticulum**

Reference: Zachary JF (2021): Pathologic Basis of Veterinary Disease, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, Elsevier.

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Category: y2023, se-GEN, sp-ALL. su-MD.CEL

Q type: POBA

Source type: Textbook - Zachary