

Guide for Developing Questions for the ECVCP Examination

Appendix 2 (1.7.1.)

MCQ CATEGORISATION WITH ABBREVIATIONS

Date

y-2023

y-M2023 (mock exam summer school 2023)

Sections

se-CHE - Biochemistry

se-CYT - Cytology

se-GEN - General clinical pathology

se-HEM – Haematology

Question type

OBA – one best answer ('cover the choices')

POBA - 'pseudo' OBA (max 2-3 other possible correct answers but still 'cover the choices')

T/F - True/false

N.B. T/F - neg questions (i.e., 'all of the following are true EXCEPT...') **will no longer be accepted**

Any of the above plus suffix 'INT' (e.g. OBA – INT) - questions requiring interpretation rather than fact recall

Species

sp-ALL - Not species-specific

sp-CAN - Canine

sp-EQU - Equine

sp-EXO - Avian, small mammal, reptile, fish, zoo, wildlife

sp-FEL - Feline

sp-LAB - Laboratory animal (may overlap with other species categories, dep on context of Q)

sp-OFA - Other farm animal (e.g., pig, camelid)

sp-RUM – Ruminant

Subject, by Systems

Su-SKI - Skin

Su-LYM - Lymph nodes, Spleen

Su-CNS - CNS

Su-EFF - Effusions

Su-MSK - Musculoskeletal System

Su-GLP - GI, Liver, Pancreas

Su-URI - Urinary tract

Su-RES - Respiratory tract
Su-REP - Reproductive tract
Su-END - Endocrine

Subject, applicable to >1 Exam section

Su-TOX – Toxicologic pathology
Su-TEC – Technical aspects and instrumentation
Su-INFE – Infectious agents
Su-INFL – Inflammation
Su-NEO - Neoplasia
Su-MIS – Miscellaneous

Subject, specific to Exam Section

Section of General Clinical Pathology

Pathophysiology

Su-MD.CEL - Mechanisms of cellular injury, adaptation and death (Zachary chapter 1)
Su-MD.VAS – Vascular disorders and thrombosis (Zachary chapter 2)
Su-MD.INFL *– Inflammation and healing (Zachary chapter 3)
Su-MD.INFE- Microbial infections (Zachary chapter 4)
Su-MD.IMM – Diseases of immunity (Zachary chapter 5)
Su-MD.NEO* – Neoplasia and tumour biology (Zachary chapter 6)

*same category as in other sections of the exam, but wider definition

Laboratory Management

Su-LM.INT - Principles of test interpretation
Su-LM.MEV- Method evaluation UR
Su-LM.QAC- Quality assurance/control
Su-LM.RI- Reference intervals

Section of Clinical Biochemistry

Su-ENZ- Enzymology
Su-PRO- Proteins (including acute phase proteins)
Su-ABD- Acid base disturbances
Su-CMP - Calcium, Phosphorous, Magnesium and their regulatory hormones

Su-ELE – Monovalent electrolytes

Su-LIV - Liver function

Su-GLU - Carbohydrate metabolism and endocrine pancreas

Su-PAN- Exocrine pancreas and intestines

Su-LIP - Lipids

Su-THY- Thyroid function

Su-ADR- Adrenocortical function

Section of Haematology

Su-ERY- Erythrocytes

Su-LEU- Leukocytes

Su-PLT- Platelets

Su-BOM- Bone marrow

Su-HST- Haemostasis

Su-IMH–Immunohaematopathology

Section of Cytology

Su-PRI - Principles of cytologic evaluation and interpretation

Su-EFF - Effusions