

FINAL FRCR PART A EXAMINATION IN CLINICAL RADIOLOGY

**Changed Question Format
with effect from the Autumn 2009 sitting**

With effect from the Autumn 2009 sitting of the Final FRCR Part A Examination, the question format will be single best answer rather than the multiple true/false format that has been used previously. There will be some changes to the scheduling and marking of the examination, and physics will be removed from the syllabus, but many aspects of the examination remain unaltered by this change in question format.

Candidates who have yet to achieve success in the Final FRCR Part A Examination overall will not need to resit any modules that they have already passed.

Question Format: The single best answer (SBA) format of question comprises a "stem" and five "items", which are labelled (a) to (e). The candidate is asked to decide which one of the five items represents the best answer to the question posed in the stem.

Marking: Negative marking, ie the deduction of a mark for an incorrect answer, will be discontinued. Candidates will score one mark for a correct answer and zero marks for an incorrect answer. Candidates should answer all questions.

Pass Mark: There will no longer be a fixed pass mark. The standard required for success will be determined at each sitting for each module based on the difficulty of the questions selected and so may vary between modules and sittings.

Syllabus: The clinical content of the syllabus will remain unchanged, although the physics component will be discontinued.

Attempts: There will be no limit on the number of attempts that a candidate may make at any module.

Question Papers: The examination will continue to comprise six modules. Each of the six modules will be examined by a separate single paper of 75 questions, which will be of two hours in duration.

Scheduling: The examination will continue to be held twice a year, usually in March and September.

At each of the two sittings, the modules will be scheduled over three consecutive days (usually Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday), with one module during each morning and afternoon session.

The schedule for the Autumn 2009 sitting of the examination will be as shown below.

	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Monday 21 September 2009	<i>Module 1:</i> Cardiothoracic and Vascular	<i>Module 2:</i> Musculoskeletal and Trauma
Tuesday 22 September 2009	<i>Module 3:</i> Gastro-intestinal	<i>Module 4:</i> Genito-urinary, Adrenal, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Breast
Wednesday 23 September 2009	<i>Module 5:</i> Paediatric	<i>Module 6:</i> Central Nervous and Head & Neck

The application deadline is 5.15 pm on Friday 17 July 2009.

The list of successful candidates will be published on the College's examinations results website (www.examresults.org.uk) at 12.00 pm on Friday 9 October 2009.

Venues: The examination will continue to be held in Birmingham, Bristol, Edinburgh, London, Manchester, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Further information, including specimen questions, will be published on the College's main website (www.rcr.ac.uk) as soon as possible. Any queries should be addressed to the Examinations Office either by email to examinations@rcr.ac.uk or by telephone to 020-7636 4432 extension 1163.