

EUROPEAN DIPLOMA IN ANAESTHESIOLOGY AND INTENSIVE CARE

PART II EXAMINATION

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

Structure

Each candidate receives a total of 4 VIVA (oral examinations), two in the morning session and two in the afternoon. Each VIVA is with a different pair of examiners and lasts for 25 minutes. A bell signifies the middle and the end.

A provisional timetable, from which you can see the times at which each of your VIVA will take place, is sent approximately 3 weeks before the examination. An updated version will be available in the candidate waiting area. You may leave the waiting area in the intervals between the VIVA but you **must** be back **at least 15 minutes** before the time of your next VIVA.

Approximately 8 minutes before each VIVA, each batch of candidates is called forward and given, by the Examinations Administrator, a piece of paper briefly describing – in the language of their choice – a clinical situation (“the lead-in topic”). They are shown into a waiting area in or adjacent to the examination room. Your examination number and the table letter at which the VIVA will be conducted (eg '12 B') are written at the top right hand corner of the paper. You are asked to consider the topic raised which will be the first discussed when the VIVA starts. You may write on this paper if you wish but **you must not communicate with other candidates**.

In the first afternoon VIVA0, you will be given an ECG for discussion. In the second afternoon VIVA, you will be invited to comment on an X-ray.

After each VIVA you should give back your “lead-in topic” paper (and the ECG where relevant) to the Examinations Administrator, if you have not already left these at the VIVA table.

Content

The subjects of the first two VIVA are: applied pharmacology and applied physiology with relevant physics and statistics, especially those general principles which concern anaesthesiologists. **A thorough knowledge of the basic sciences is regarded as essential for success in the examination.**

The subjects in the second pair of VIVA are: anaesthesia and analgesia, including applied anatomy; intensive care; internal medicine and surgery; and other subjects relevant to the candidate specialising in anaesthesia.

Results

The VIVA will end each day at the time shown on the timetable. They will be followed almost immediately by the Call over (deliberation), the meeting which all the examiners attend to review the marks and to confirm those who have reached the required standard and those who have not.

Within half an hour of the start of the Call over, the result – in an individually addressed envelope – will be handed personally to each candidate by the Examinations Administrator.

The EDA is a pass/fail examination; there is no further classification of results and candidates – whether successful or unsuccessful – are not given their marks.

If you are not successful, you should note that examiners cannot enter into any discussion as to the reason for this result. An account of your relative strengths and weaknesses will be sent to you later by the Examinations Administrator, to whom any representations about the conduct of the examination should be addressed.

Notes:

1. Before the start of the examination, candidates will be informed of the catering arrangements made for them. Coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches or a light lunch will be provided free of charge.
2. During the examination – to preserve anonymity candidates are addressed by their examination number and not by name.
3. You should bring a pen with you.