

ANNOUNCEMENT TO CANDIDATES

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Intercollegiate Membership Examination of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain and Ireland: Part A, MCQ Examinations

Introduction of Single Best Answer items to the Part A Principles of Surgery in General paper

With effect from April 2012 the Principles of Surgery in General paper of the Intercollegiate MRCS Part A exam will include Single Best Answer (SBA) items as well as Extended Matching (EM) items. This will be phased in as below:

April 2012	up to 30 SBAs
September 2012	up to 30 SBAs
January 2013	up to 30 SBAs
April 2013	up to 60 SBAs
September 2013	up to 60 SBAs
January 2014	up to 60 SBAs

The two types of questions will be in separate groups within the paper. The number of questions in the Principles of Surgery in General paper will remain the same at 135 and there will be no change in the time allowed for candidates to complete the paper.

This change is being made to further improve the reliability of the MRCS Part A examination.

For further information and examples of SBAs, please refer to:

http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/new/pdf/part_a_sample_mcqs.pdf