



MCEM EXAMINATION 'BLUEPRINT'

The Part B & C examinations are generally planned using a pre-set blueprint. Each area of emergency medicine should be represented equally within these examinations and therefore certain areas and topics are to be expected.

For example:

Subject area	SAQ (Part B)	OSCE (Part C)
Cardiology / Cardiothoracics	Acute myocardial infarction	Needle pericardiocentesis
Gastrointestinal	Acute pancreatitis	Acute GI bleed
Respiratory	Severe asthma	Respiratory examination
Renal / Urology	Glomerulonephritis	Insert a urinary catheter
Neurology	CVA	Carpal tunnel syndrome
Psychiatry	Mania	Mental state examination
Dermatology	Erythema nodosum	Psoriasis flare-up
Obstetrics / Gynaecology	Pre-eclampsia	PV discharge
Paediatrics	Intussusception	Non-accidental injury
Infectious diseases	Malaria	Needlestick injury
Major trauma	ATLS scenario	APLS scenario
Resuscitation	ALS scenario	Airway management
Organisation of healthcare	Head injury guidelines	Major incident scenario
Ophthalmology	Acute glaucoma	Fundoscopy
ENT	Acute epiglottitis	Foreign body in nose
Toxicology	Tricyclic antidepressant OD	Alcohol OD
Ethics	Withdrawal of treatment	'Gillick competence'
Orthopaedics / rheumatology	Pelvic fracture	Examine a knee joint