

Membership of the Faculty Dental Surgery – Part 1 Exam Specification

Specialty	MFDS
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The examination will have 180 Single Best Answer (SBA) questions, split equally across two two-hour papers of 90 questions each. On average, candidates will therefore have 1.5 minutes (90 seconds) to read and complete each question.

The questions are spread across the syllabus and will be divided into topics as follows. The question order will be randomised for each candidate. The weighting range indicates the number of potential questions for each topic. For example, a weighting range of 8 – 12 indicates that you will be asked between 8 and 12 questions on that topic in an examination diet.

	Topic	Weighting range
A1	Professional Knowledge and Behaviour	2 – 4
A2	Patient-centred Care	1 – 3
A4	Teamworking	2 – 4
A5	Clinical and Patient Safety	3 – 5
B1	Underpinning Clinical Knowledge	20 – 30
B2	Clinical Examination and Assessment	20 – 30
B3	Diagnosis, Patient Management and Treatment Planning	20 – 30
B4	Emergency Care (Management of Dental and Facial Injuries)	6 – 10
B5	Preventative Care and Maintenance of Oral Health	6 – 10
C1	Restorative Dentistry	6 – 10
C2	Orthodontics	6 – 10
C3	Oral Surgery	6 – 10
C4	Paediatric Dentistry	6 – 10
C5	Special Care Dentistry	6 – 10
C6	Oral Medicine	6 – 10
C7	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	4 – 6



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C8	Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	6 – 10
C9	Oral Microbiology	6 – 10
C10	Dental Public Health & Epidemiology	6 – 10