

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS



**Generic and Specialty Specific Surgical Science
Examinations**

Computer Based Testing (CBT)

CANDIDATE INSTRUCTIONS

Introduction

These instructions are for candidates taking the Generic or Specialty Specific Surgical Science Examinations including OPBS, PRSSP, and Paediatric Examinations. They outline how to use the Computer Based Testing System that is used to deliver the Generic and Specialty Surgical Science examinations.

Examples used in these instructions have been drawn from the various examinations but the same steps and similar screen views apply to all examinations.

Log In

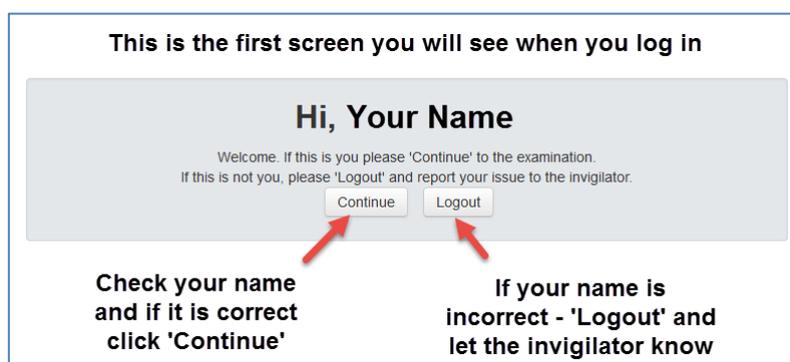
Your computer will have a screen similar to this. When the Examination Invigilator gives the instruction to commence, enter the Username and Password on the coloured paper.



If you have login difficulties, please raise your hand and inform the Examination Invigilator.

Confirm the correct login

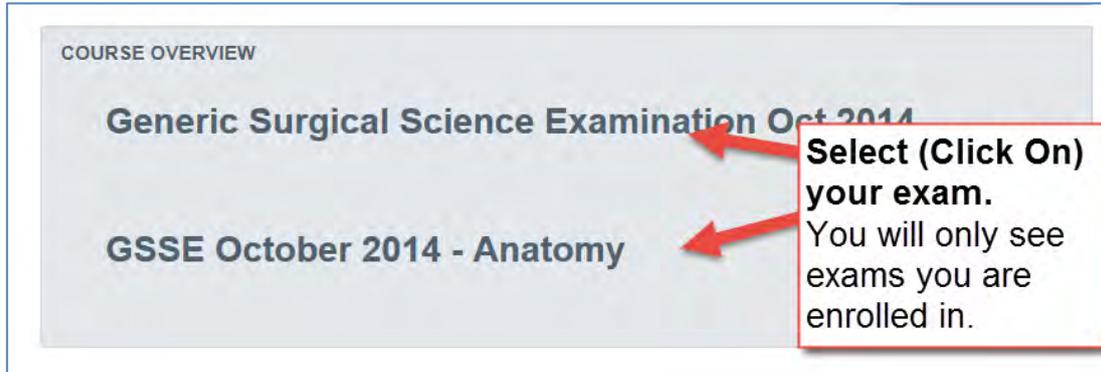
Once you have entered your log in details you will be asked to confirm your name. Click **Continue** to confirm. If the name displayed is not yours, please click **Logout** and tell the Examination Invigilator immediately.



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Selecting the Examination

Once logged in, the 'Home' screen will show all examinations that you are enrolled in for the current examination period.

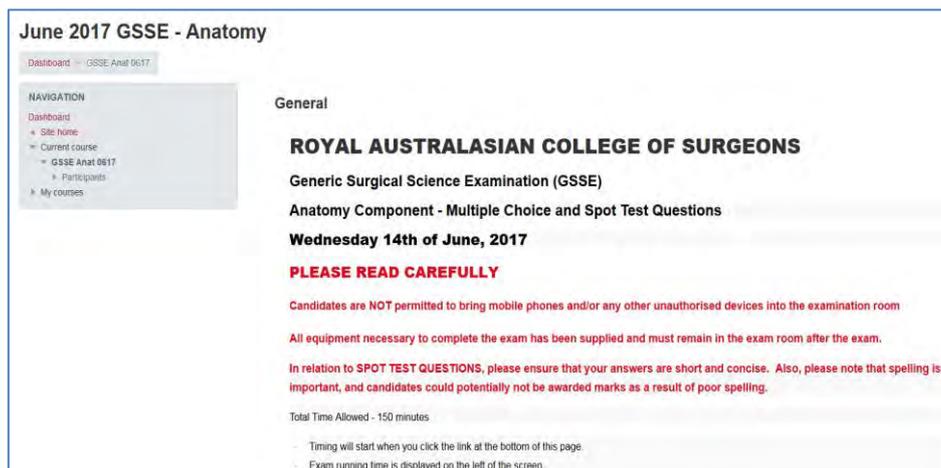


Select (Click on) the examination you are presenting for on the day.

NOTE: You will only be able to start the exam that is scheduled to run; the others are closed until the examination date and time.

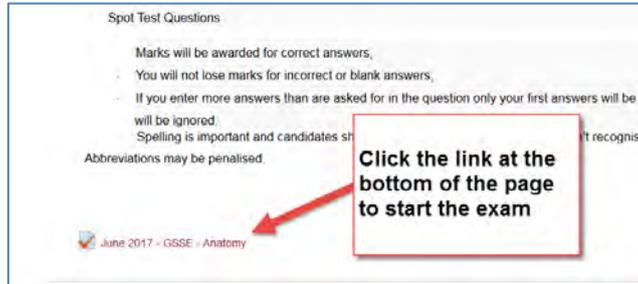
Examination Information

Examination Instructions should appear once logged in. The examination time has not started at this point so please take the time to read this screen properly.

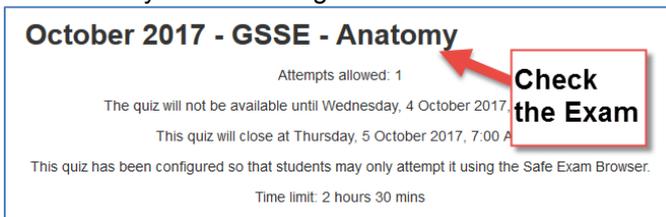


Starting the Examination

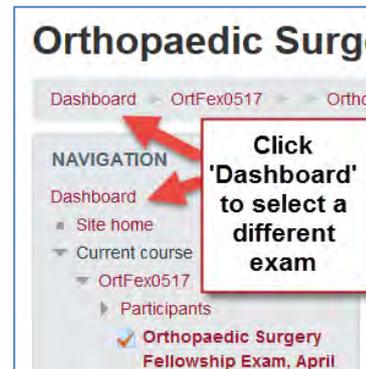
When you have read and understood this information click the link at the bottom of the page. You will navigate through confirmation screens to confirm you are ready to begin the examination.



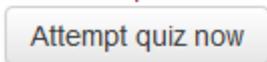
Check to ensure that you are starting the correct exam



If you have selected the **wrong exam** - click the "Dashboard" link to take you back to the Dashboard screen where you can select the correct examination



Then click "Attempt quiz now" to begin

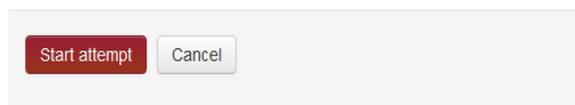


Final Confirmation

The examination will commence and timing will start when you click on the "Start Attempt" button.

Timed quiz

The quiz has a time limit of 2 hours 10 mins. Time will count down from the moment you start your attempt and you must submit before it expires. Are you sure that you wish to start now?

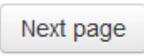


The examination is individually timed; your examination will finish when your time expires.

Other candidates may start and finish at slightly different times but each candidate will get the same amount of time.

Should you complete the examination early, you are not to leave the room – you must wait until advised by the Examination Invigilator.

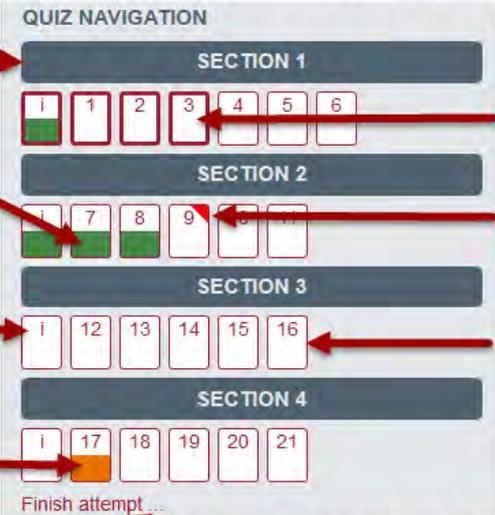
Navigating the Examination

- To move to a new page click the  button at the top or bottom of each page.

On the left of the screen, you will see the 'Quiz Navigation' panel. This panel shows you information about the examination including

- questions that have been answered,
- questions that have not been answered
- questions that have been partially answered (incomplete).
- Clicking on a question number will take you straight to that question.

During the examination you can click on any section break or question number to go directly to that location



The screenshot shows a 'QUIZ NAVIGATION' panel with four sections:

- SECTION 1:** Questions 1-6. Question 3 is highlighted with a red border, indicating it is the current question.
- SECTION 2:** Questions 7-10. Questions 7 and 8 are highlighted with green borders, indicating they are answered. Question 9 has a red triangle, indicating it is flagged.
- SECTION 3:** Questions 11-16. Question 11 has an 'i' in a red box, indicating it is an information page. Questions 12-16 are white, indicating they are unanswered.
- SECTION 4:** Questions 17-21. Question 17 is highlighted with an orange border, indicating it is incomplete. A 'Finish attempt...' button is located below the question numbers.

Annotations on the left side of the panel:

- Section breaks mark the beginning of each section of the exam** (points to the section headers).
- Answered questions are green** (points to the green borders of questions 7 and 8).
- 'i' marks an information page** (points to the 'i' in question 11).
- Incomplete questions are orange** (points to the orange border of question 17).

Annotations on the right side of the panel:

- Current questions (on the open page) have a red border** (points to question 3).
- Flagged questions have a red triangle** (points to question 9).
- Unanswered questions are white** (points to question 12).
- Finish attempt will take you to the last page of the exam** (points to the 'Finish attempt...' button).

Timing

A clock in the centre of the top of the screen shows the time you have left in the examination.

Time left **2:09:51**

Question Types and Answers

There are five question types you may encounter in an examination. This table outlines the question types you can expect in the examination(s) you are doing.

Examination	Type A	Type B	Type X	Spot Test	Short Answer
Generic Surgical Science Examination					
Anatomy	X	X	X	X	
Pathology and Physiology	X	X	X		
Specialty Specific					
Cardiothoracic Surgery			X		
Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery	X	X	X	X	
Vascular Surgery	X	X	X		
Orthopaedic Surgery (OPBS)			X		
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery (PRSSP)			X		
Paediatric Anatomy/Pathology					X

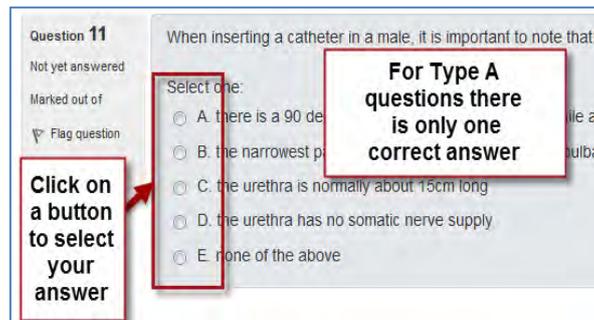
The following diagrams briefly explain how to enter your answer for each question type.

Type A - Multiple Choice Questions

These questions consist of an incomplete statement or question followed by five suggested completions or answers.

For each statement/question select the ONE completion/answer which is most appropriate. There is only one correct response to this type of question.

Example: Type A



Type B - Multiple Choice Questions

These questions require you to relate two statements. The questions consist of an assertion or statement (S) and a reason (R).

For each question select the most appropriate response according to the rules below:

- Select A if S is correct and R is correct and is a valid explanation of S
- Select B if S is correct and R is correct but not a valid explanation of S
- Select C if S is correct and R is incorrect
- Select D if S is incorrect and R is correct
- Select E if S is incorrect and R is incorrect

There is only one correct response to this type of question.

Example: Type B

Question 13
Not yet answered
Marked out of
Flag question

Statement:
Division of the lacunar ligament

Reason:
an abnormal obturator artery

Select one:

- A. S is true, R is true and is a valid explanation of S
- B. S is true, R is true but is not a valid explanation of S
- C. S is true and R is false
- D. S is false and R is true
- E. Both S and R are false

Click the button next to your answer

For Type B questions there is only one correct answer

Type X - Multiple Choice Questions True/False

These questions have four suggested completions or answers. Incomplete statements or questions are followed by four (4) suggested completions or answers. An exception to this is the OPBS Examinations, which have five (5) suggested completions or answers.

Select each answer according to whether the completion(s)/answer(s) are 'TRUE' or 'FALSE' – see example below. ALL completions must be answered. There are four or five correct responses to this type of question – one correct response for each distractor. A candidate can accumulate up to four marks for one type X question.

Example: Type X

Question 17
Not yet answered
Marked out of
Flag question

Section of the greater occipital nerve

A. loss of C3 mediated sensation to

True
 False

B. paralysis of

True
 False

C. paralysis of

True
 False

D. loss of C2 mediated sensation ab

Select the button for True or False for each option

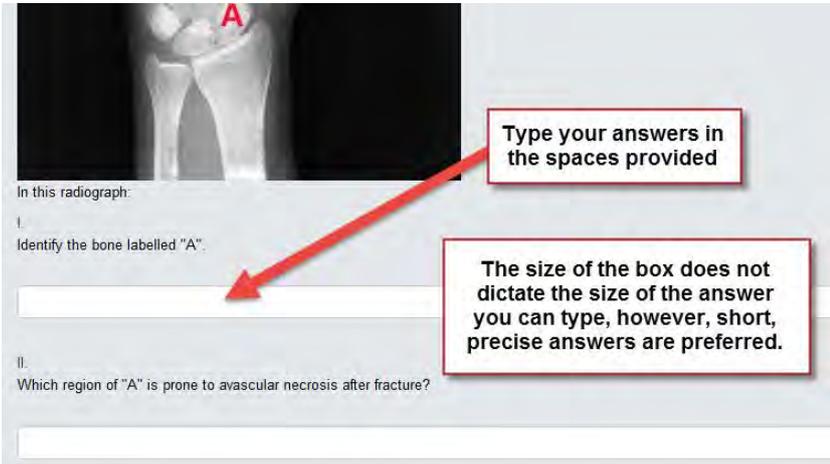
You must answer True or False for every option

Spot-Test – Short Answer Questions

Each question has a photograph or an image followed by some short answer questions. Candidates are to type answers in the space provided.

- Responses are to be short and direct – no longer than 10 words.
- List only the requested number of responses.
- If you provide more responses than required, only your first answers will be marked.
- Answers should be unambiguous and ideally, abbreviations should be avoided.
- Any abbreviation that is not clearly recognizable and widely accepted will not be marked.
- The side does not need to be stated unless specifically requested or you are asked to be precise.
- All answers must be written in English.
- Incomprehensible answers will not be marked
- Spelling is important

Example: Spot Test



In this radiograph:

I.
Identify the bone labelled "A".

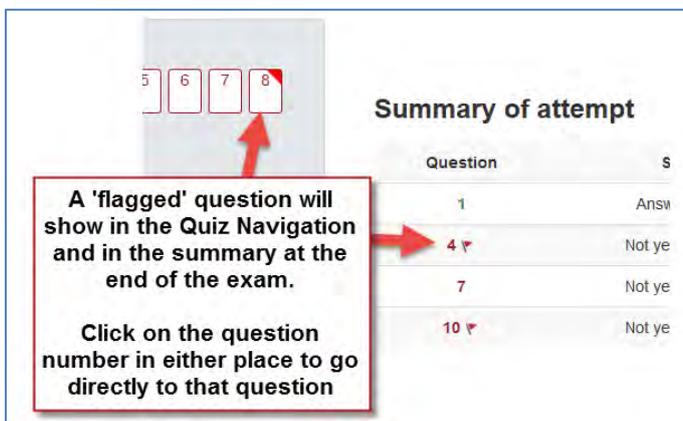
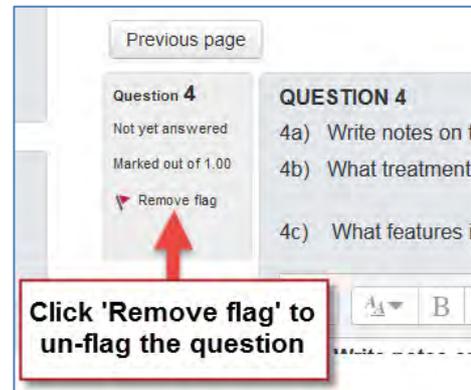
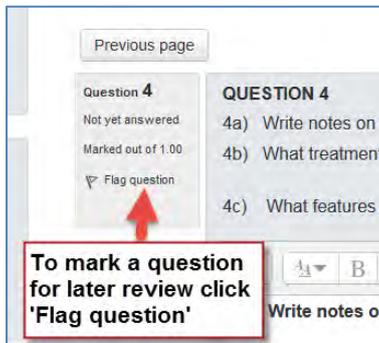
II.
Which region of "A" is prone to avascular necrosis after fracture?

Type your answers in the spaces provided

The size of the box does not dictate the size of the answer you can type, however, short, precise answers are preferred.

“Flagging” a Question

If you need to mark a question so that you can review your answer later in the examination you can click “Flag question”.



Completing the Examination

When you get to the end of the examination or when you click the “finish attempt” link in the Quiz Navigation panel the “Summary of attempt” page will appear. This summary shows the status of all the questions indicating either answered or not yet answered. It also shows incomplete answers for type X questions and any questions you have flagged for review.

Click on the question number in the summary list or in the navigation panel to go to question.

QUIZ NAVIGATION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44
45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53
54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62
63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71
72 73 74 75

Finish attempt
Start a new preview

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Summary of attempt

After the last question you will be shown a summary of your exam
This shows the status of every question.

Question	Status	Question	Status	Question
2	Answer saved	3	Answer saved	
4	Answer saved	5	Answer saved	6
8	Answer saved	9	Not yet answered	9
11	Not yet answered	11	Not yet answered	12
13	Not yet answered	14	Not yet answered	15
16	Not yet answered	16	Not yet answered	18
19	Not yet answered	19	Not yet answered	21
22	Not yet answered	22	Not yet answered	24
25	Not yet answered	26	Not yet answered	27
28	Not yet answered	29	Not yet answered	30
31	Not yet answered	32	Not yet answered	33
34	Incomplete answer	35	Not yet answered	36
37	Not yet answered	38	Not yet answered	39

Callouts:

- Flagged question:** Points to question 15 in the grid and question 12 in the table.
- Answer saved (Green):** Points to question 8 in the grid and question 8 in the table.
- Incomplete Answer (Orange):** Points to question 34 in the grid and question 34 in the table.
- No Answer (Not yet answered) (White):** Points to question 21 in the grid and question 21 in the table.

When you have reviewed all your answers, at the bottom of the summary you will find the 'Submit all and finish' button.

Answered 71 Not yet answered 72
Not yet answered 75

Return to attempt

be submitted by Thursday, 13 April 2017, 3:00 AM.

Submit all and finish

When you have answered all the questions you are able to -
Click 'Submit all and finish' to submit your exam.

When you click on the "Submit All and Finish" button you will get one final warning before the examination is closed.

Confirmation

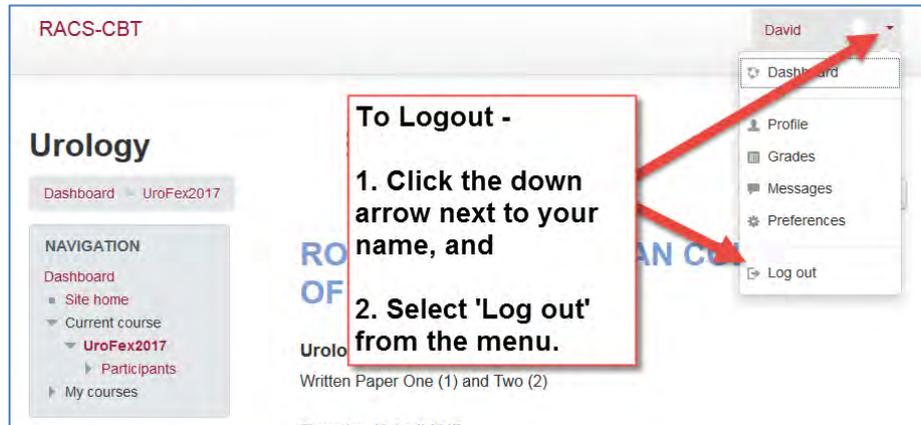
Once you submit, you will no longer be able to change your answers for this attempt.

Submit all and finish Cancel

This is the last chance to change your mind
Click 'Cancel' to return to the exam
Click 'Submit all and Finish' to finalise

Logout

Once your examination is submitted please log out by clicking the 'log out' link in the top right hand corner of the screen.



FAQs, Tips and Tricks

What if I run out of time?

If you run out of time the examination system will automatically submit all your answers and close the examination. You cannot log back in once the time has expired.

Computer Problems

If you have any problems with your computer during the examination raise your hand and attract the attention of the Examination Invigilator. Depending on the problem, they will help resolve the issue or escalate the problem to IT support. Any time lost due to a computer problem will be added to your total examination time.

Reload/Refresh

The examination delivery system does not have any navigation buttons, but the key combination **Ctrl-Shift-F5** can be used to reload the current page.

Good Luck with your examination

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