

Candidate Instructions:

1. When relevant, the setting in which you are practicing will be described.
2. You can answer most questions in ten words or less.
3. Where appropriate, the number of desired responses will be indicated for each question. The corresponding number of answer fields will be provided. Put one answer in each answer field, subsequent answers in the same answer field will not be considered.
4. When ordering laboratory investigations be SPECIFIC. For example, CBC, electrolytes, lipid profile and arterial blood gases are not acceptable; you must list the specific indices/test you would like for that question.
i.e.,
 1. hemoglobin
 2. white blood cell count
 3. potassiumUrinalysis is an acceptable answer.
5. When ordering other investigations, be SPECIFIC. For example, ultrasound is not acceptable, you must specify abdominal ultrasound.
6. When listing medications, the use of generic names or trade names will be accepted.
7. Give details about procedures/maneuvers ONLY IF DIRECTED TO DO SO. For example, you do not have to describe Murphy's sign.
8. When providing values or measures, only Systeme Internationale (SI) units will be accepted.
9. Avoid abbreviations which are not commonly used, and which may not be clear to an examiner.
10. If your answer to a question is "none", you MUST type "none". Do not leave the answer box empty.

Most candidate errors arise from failing to read the question carefully. Every question is different. It may help you to highlight key features in the scenario provided, and key words in the question, to assist you in providing exactly what is being requested.