



Frequently Asked Questions for FFLM Examinations Session 2020/21

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1. Will the exam fee be fully refunded in the event of the exam having to be cancelled due to COVID-19?

Yes

2. Will there be a study day to help practitioners prepare for the Part 2 examinations?

There will be study days on:

Saturday 05 December 2020 for Sexual Offence Medicine (SOM)

Saturday 16 January 2021 for General Forensic Medicine (GFM)

Please check www.fflm.ac.uk/events for more information

3. Will this year's exam cover changes in legislation and process due to COVID-19 or will such elements be strictly excluded, e.g. changes in death certification, and others?

These topics may be included

4. Is the DLM marking scheme to continue to not involve negative marking?

Yes

5. The reading list is wide and extensive. For the DLM would it be realistic to stick to all the material covered save for the additional reading?

Best to follow the syllabus in the regulations and then use e-learning and reading list as sources/inspiration

6. There are sample past questions on the website. However, is it possible to get hold of, for practice, previous past papers?

No previous past papers are available

7. If there are problems completing the on-line application form and/or making the payment online, who can one contact and by what means? For example, if in the middle of the payment and the screen keeps spinning round, can one telephone someone for help?

Contact the Examinations Manager, Jay Costa, on forensic.medicine@fflm.ac.uk

Application period for Part 2: Friday 06 November to Friday 04 December

8. The part 2 examinations are due to be held in March. What arrangements have been made to take into account the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Part 2 MLM MFFLM examination will take place on Thursday 11 (OPSE) & Friday 12 March (SAQ) as

previously advertised but the exams will be held virtually

The Part 2 GFM & SOM MFFLM examinations will take place on Friday 12 March (SAQ) and Saturday 13 March (OSCE x10) virtually. Four clinical OSCEs will be held at St Thomas' London on Saturday 12 June

The Part 2 LFFLM GFM and SOM (a+c) examinations will take place on Saturday 13 March (OSCE x 10) virtually. Four clinical OSCEs will be held at St Thomas' London on Saturday 12 June

The Part 2 LFFLM SOM (a) and (c) examinations will take place on Saturday 13 March (OSCE x 7) virtually. Four clinical OSCEs will be held at St Thomas' London on Saturday 12 June

9. What is the average pass rate for the DLM? Does the pass mark vary year to year?

Around 45%; MFFLM Part 1 is around 10% higher but they vary a little every year

The pass mark for each exam is calculated each year, using the modified Angoff method: at least six examiners decide for each question what percentage of borderline candidates would answer correctly or, for SAQs, what mark a borderline candidate would achieve for each section. These % marks are compared and any discrepancy discussed between the examiners, who may or may not change the mark they have assigned when they hear the rationale of other examiners. The final marks are then converted by a validated algorithm into a pass mark

10. How many OSCEs can a candidate fail and still pass the exam?

Five OSCEs out of 14

Four OSCEs out of 11

Three OSCEs out of 8

However, candidates need to achieve a pass mark overall

11. How many times can the DLM be attempted?

As many as you like; each with the examination fee

12. Is the DLM relevant/useful for general practitioners?

The simple answer is yes! From review of the syllabus there are many topics that would be useful for those working in primary care, emergency medicine, and other specialities