



Sample Exam Questions of the Comprehensive Objective Examination in
Clinical Immunology and Allergy

DISCLAIMER: The following sample questions are ONLY for illustrative purposes.

I. Written Component

A. Samples of Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Component

N/A

Sample Question: 1

Correct answer:
Explanation of correct answer:
Reference material:

Sample Question: 2

Correct answer:
Explanation of correct answer:
Reference material:

B. Samples of Short-Answer Question (SAQ) Component

Please provide instructions on how to correctly answer the SAQ component, and present the sample questions as it could appear on the exam.

As a guideline, the number of lines for the answer indicates the number of responses. In each question where a specific number of responses are required, only the first responses listed will be marked (e.g., If the question says, "List Three", only the first three responses will be counted. Indicate one response per line).

Sample Question: 1

[Marks=4]

a) Name **FOUR** microbes commonly associated with atopic dermatitis.

[Marks=1]

b) What property of exotoxins is responsible for the effects of exotoxins in atopic dermatitis?

Acceptable answers:

a)

staph aureus

streptococcus A and C

herpes simplex virus

Malassezia species

warts,

molluscum contagiosum.

b) Superantigen

Reference Material:

Atopic dermatitis: A practice parameter update 2012

Practice Parameters for Allergy & Immunology are available online at <http://www.jcaai.org>. (J Allergy Clin Immunol 2013;131:295-9.)

(J Allergy Clin Immunol: In Practice

2013;1:142-51) Management of Difficult-to-Treat Atopic Dermatitis

Extra note on references:

"Other microbes can also cause flares. In particular, the development of monomorphic vesicles suggests secondary infection with the herpes simplex virus. This is one of the true emergencies in clinical dermatology, requiring prompt systemic antiviral therapy.³⁰ Malassezia species are common skin commensals and in 75% of adults. It is found particularly in the



head and neck area, leading to tinea vericolor. In infants, it is more likely to be associated with seborrheic dermatitis than with AD.^{31,32}

Sample Question: 2

Acceptable answers:

Please indicate the number of marks awarded per question, a list of acceptable answers, rationale (if necessary) and reference material.

Reference Material:

II. OSCE Component

A. Sample of _____ Station

1. Instructions to candidate:

Provide a sample of the instructions that could be posted outside the examination room.



2. What to expect inside the examination room:

Please provide explain the interaction between candidate, examiner and standardized patient (if applicable).

3. A successful candidate would:

Please provide step by step what the ideal performance is in terms of process and content given the scenario.

B. Sample of _____ Station

1. Instructions to candidate:

Provide a sample of the instructions that could be posted outside the examination room.

2. What to expect inside the examination room:

Please provide an explanation of the interaction between the candidate and examiner.

3. A successful candidate would:

Please provide step by step what the ideal performance is in terms of process and content given the scenario.

III. Key Reference Material and Resources

Please provide a list of the MOST common reference material and resources that could assist the candidate during exam preparation.

NOTE: The resources listed are not exhaustive and are provided to the candidate to help guide in the preparation for the examination.