

SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL
EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTISE MEDICINE (ERPM) IN SRI LANKA
PART A & PART D – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023

The above examination will be held at the **FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, 35/30, PROF. STANLEY WIJESUNDARA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 07.**


ERPM Part A & Part D would be held on **31st October, 1st, 3rd, 4th November 2023.**

TIME TABLE

	PAPERS	SUBJECT	DATE AND TIME
PART A	PAPER 1	MEDICINE	31 October 2023 (Tuesday) 9.00a.m to 11.30a.m
PART A	PAPER 3	SURGERY	31 October 2023 (Tuesday) 1.00p.m. to 3.30p.m
PART A	PAPER 4	OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY	01 November 2023 (Wednesday) 9.00a.m to 11.30a.m
PART D	PAPER 7	FORENSIC MEDICINE	01 November 2023 (Wednesday) 1.00p.m. to 2.30p.m
PART A	PAPER 5	PSYCHIATRY	03 November 2023 (Friday) 9.00a.m to 10.30a.m
PART A	PAPER 2	PAEDIATRICS	04 November 2023 (Saturday) 9.00a.m to 11.30a.m
PART D	PAPER 6	COMMUNITY MEDICINE	04 November 2023 (Saturday) 1.00p.m. to 2.30p.m

Please Note:

1. Only the Candidate will be admitted to the examination premises.
2. You should report to the examination hall 30min before commencement time.
3. You are expected to report to the staff of any symptoms of any illness.
4. You are expected to wear a face mask if having respiratory symptoms and follow hygienic practices.
5. ERPM registration card, Admission card and NIC, Passport or Driving License are essential for face identification.
6. Fingerprint identification will be done at the entrance to the examination hall.


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Prof. V. Pujitha Wickramasinghe
Head of the Examination Unit – SLMC

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES ON MARKING THE ANSWER SHEETS

1. The breakdown of the questions in each subject is given below.

Part A

Paper 1- Medicine

Paper 2 - Paediatrics

Paper 3 - Surgery

Paper 4 - Obstetrics and Gynaecology

- 25 True/False type Multiple Choice Questions and
- 25 Single Best type Questions in each paper of 2 hours and 30 minutes (150 min) each.

Paper 5 - Psychiatry

- 30 True/False type questions in paper of 1 hour and 30 minutes (90 min)

Part D

Paper 6 - Community Medicine

Paper 7 - Forensic Medicine

- 30 True/False type questions in each paper of 1 hour and 30 minutes (90min)

For each type of question paper, a separate answer sheet will be provided.

2. Enter your **Registration Number** and **Index Number** separately in the two answer sheets provided. You will be given two separate answer sheets, one for the True /False type question paper and one for the Single Best Answer (SBA) type question paper. Error in entering these numbers will results in the computer rejection of your answer sheet.
3. On the top right-hand corner of the answer sheet, there is a box to enter your INDEX NUMBER.
4. Enter your three digits index number, vertically down starting from the topmost row.

Your index number has only three digits. You should enter the three digits in the following manner: for index number 5, enter it vertically in the first column as 005; if it is 16, enter it as 016; if it is 619, enter it as 619. (Shown below)

The last row remains unmarked/blank.

5. Then darken the appropriate cage as in the following example: if Index no is 619

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6. Check that your blank answer sheets are initialed by the invigilator on the reverse side. Only the responses marked on such answer sheet would be valid.
7. **Marks allocation in each question papers** – Each True/false type question will have five responses. The correct response will score +1, and the wrong -1. Negative marks of a question will not be carried over to the next question. The range of marks would be from 0 to 5 for each question.

Each Single best type question has five responses and only one is correct. The correct response will score +5, and the wrong 0. The marks scored for each question would be 0 or 5 for each question. There will be NO negative marks for SBA type questions.

8. Marking the answer sheet for **True/False type question paper**

The answer sheet is numbered from 1 to 60. Mark your responses in the answer sheet in accordance with the number in the question paper. Papers 1 to 4 of Part A have 25 questions each and your answers should be marked from 1 - 25. Paper 5 of Part A and Paper 6 and 7 of Part D have 30 questions each and your answers should be marked from 1 -30. The paper will be marked by computer scanning and you have to mark it very carefully. If you spoil your answer paper, another paper would NOT be given. A specimen of an answer paper, reduced in size, is enclosed. **(Annex A)**

The space provided for each question on the answer sheet has two horizontal rows of boxes marked as follows: the top row is marked T for true and the bottom row, F for false. You should indicate in the answer sheet whether the given response is true or false. This should be done by completely shading the circle in the appropriate box with a black ballpoint pen.

The following question is an example.

Massive splenomegaly is a recognized feature in:

- A Typhoid
- B Chronic Malaria
- C Infective endocarditis
- D Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia
- E Myelofibrosis

Items B, D and E are correct. A and C are false.

The completed answer sheet, if answered correctly, would look like this:

	A	B	C	D	E
T	○	●	○	●	●
F	●	○	●	○	○

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CANNOT ERASE OR CANCEL YOUR ANSWERS AFTER YOU HAVE MARKED THEM. You are advised to **use a black ball point pen** and darken the circle clearly.

Do not use a correction pen (Tippex) or an eraser to change your answer. If you spoil the paper by trying to erase, your answer would not be read by the scanner and you would not get any marks.

The question paper and the answer sheet should be handed over to the respective invigilator when you have finished answering or when an announcement is made to stop work. Please note that no extra time will be given.

9. Marking the answer sheet for **Single Best Answer (SBA) type question paper**

Part A (SBA)

Paper 1- Medicine

Paper 2 - Paediatrics

Paper 3 - Surgery

Paper 4 -Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Please read the following instructions carefully before answering the questions.

- Answer all 25 questions, beginning from 1 up to 25 only of the Answer Sheet provided for SBA type questions, although the sheet has space allocated from 1 to 60.
- Fill in the circle with a **black ball point pen** for the correct response leave the incorrect without mark.
- Do not deface, tippex or write any remarks on the Answer Sheet.
- Only one set of Answer Sheet is provided per candidate.

A specimen of an answer paper, reduced in size, is enclosed. (**Annex B**)

Example of how to mark the answer sheet

E.g. A 63-years-old male was admitted with epigastric discomfort and sweating of 6 hours duration. He had also vomited undigested food once. He has poorly controlled diabetes for 20 years. His pulse rate 100 bpm with a blood pressure of 90/60 mmHg. Physical examination was normal except for sensory motor peripheral neuropathy. Capillary blood glucose was 234 mg/dl.

The most appropriate investigation at this stage is

- A** Urine ketone bodies
- B** upper GI endoscopy
- C** ECG
- D** ultrasound scan of abdomen
- E** autonomic function tests

- A B C D E**

10. You are not allowed to take away the Question Book or any question in whole or in part, from the examination hall.

You should return the Question Book together with the two Answer Sheets to the Supervisor/Invigilator at the end of the examination.



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SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL
EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTISE MEDICINE (ERPM) IN SRI LANKA
PART A & PART D

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE
EXAMINATION HALL.**

Note: Candidates are informed that it is essential to keep a record of both the INDEX NUMBER and ERPM REGISTRATION NUMBER which are necessary to refer to the results.

1. Candidates are advised to be present at the allocated examination hall at least 30 minutes before the commencement of each paper for identification checks.
2. Protective Health measures such as wearing face masks, sanitization of hands, cleaning with alcohol the fingerprint machine screen before and after use are permitted. Face masks may be removed within the examination hall and re-worn when speaking to staff.
3. Fingerprint identification will be done in addition to the usual face and photograph identification (By matching with the SLMC Registration Card, admission card, NIC or Passport or Driving License and the candidate's signature placed on the attendance sheet).
4. The admission card should be signed by the candidate at the time of presenting to the examination hall and his/her signature should be attested by one of the following persons (No other person is acceptable).
 - A Fully Registered Medical Practitioner Under Sec. 29 of the Medical Ordinance with Good Standing.
 - A registered Dental Surgeon under section 43 of the Medical Ordinance.
 - An Attorney at Law or a Commissioner of Oaths.A close relative of the candidate CANNOT attest candidate's signature.
5. On each day the candidate should obtain the signature of the invigilator on the admission card before leaving the examination hall as proof of attendance. On the day of completion of the examination (the last paper the candidate sits for) should hand over the admission card to the invigilator during the session before leaving the examination hall.
6. A candidate shall occupy the seat allocated to him/her indicated by the index number displayed on the corresponding desk. The seat should not be changed except on the specific instruction of the Supervisor.
7. From five minutes before the scheduled commencement of the examination, candidates shall **NOT** be allowed to enter the hall, in order to allow answer papers and question papers to be distributed undisturbed. Late comers will be admitted soon after the examination commences.
8. Candidates shall not be admitted to the examination hall for any reason, after the first 30 minutes from commencement of the examination and will not be allowed to leave the hall until 30 minutes has lapsed from the commencement of the examination and during the last 30 minutes before the conclusion of the paper.
9. Only the following items are permitted to be taken into the examination hall by the candidate: Passport, National Identity Card, Driving License, duly filled Admission Card, the SLMC Registration Card and required writing instruments.

Note: Any damage or defacement or modification of Passport, National Identity Card, Driving Licence, Admission Card (including photograph) and the SLMC Registration Card will result in the candidate being disallowed to sit the examination and the incident subsequently subjected to an enquiry and due punishment given if found to be guilty.

10. It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to sign the Attendance Sheet during each paper before he/she leaves the examination hall. Failure to do so would be considered as being absent from the examination.
11. For Identification by the invigilator or supervisor during the time of examination, the face should be exposed and uncovered by any items of clothing, masks or dark glasses.
12. Candidates shall bring their own face masks, pens and pencils required for the examination which should be visible during the examination.
13. Except for identity documents, registration card and admission card, no other papers should be kept with the candidate. These items for identification should be carried in a **transparent file bag**. The bag should be placed under the chair or beside the table at times not required for inspection.
14. Possession of books, notes, envelopes, parcels, handbags, tippex and erasers is banned. **Space for storage of bags, backpacks, files etc. will NOT be provided at the examination venue.**
15. It is an offence to bring subject material/data written, printed or recorded on any paper, body surfaces or any other item. At the discretion of the supervisor, the candidate could be barred from bringing into the examination hall clothing accessories (eg: caps, dark glasses etc.)
16. **Possession of mobile phones, smart electronic watches or any other communication equipment is banned.** No such device is permitted within the examination hall. Detection of these items in his/her possession, will be reported to the Council of the SLMC for action which may include cancellation of the paper for the candidate and the suspension from sitting the examination again.
17. Communication between candidates by writing, signaling, during the examination is an offence.
18. Only one Answer Paper would be supplied and for each paper. **Duplicate answer papers would NOT be supplied.** The question paper or answer paper supplied to a candidate should not be torn, crumpled, folded or otherwise mutilated. No other papers shall be used by candidates. Any materials supplied including question papers, whether used or un-used, should be handed over to Invigilators and should not be removed from the examination hall.

Note: Any attempt to remove or transfer the contents of the question papers (ie. Parts of or full questions) in the written form or any other means is a serious examination offence. Such an incident would be subject to an in-depth enquiry. If found guilty severe punishment would be given to the guilty candidate and also to any person under whose instruction, advice, assistance or collaboration the candidate conducted the examination offence.
19. Every candidate shall enter his/her Index Number given in the Admission Form on the answer paper and the question paper. To write an Index Number other than his/her own on the answer paper is liable to be considered as having attempted to cheat. **A script that bears no Index Number or one that is not legible will be rejected.** No candidate shall write his/her name or any other identifying mark on the answer script.
20. Candidates are under the authority of the Supervisors and shall assist them by carrying out their instructions as well as those of the Invigilators and other supporting staff, during the examination and immediately before and after it.
21. Every candidate shall conduct himself/herself in the Examination Hall and precincts without causing disturbance or inconvenience to the Supervisors/Invigilators or other staff, to other candidates and other occupants in and around the examination venue. A candidate is liable to be evicted from the examination hall for disorderly conduct.
22. Candidates shall stop work promptly when instructed to do so by the Supervisor/Invigilator. To continue working after an announcement to stop the work has been made would be an examination offence.

23. Absolute silence shall be maintained in the examination hall and its precincts. During the conduct of the examination the only communications permitted would be those with the examiner(s)/ supervisor(s)/ invigilator(s). A candidate is not permitted for any reason whatsoever to communicate or have any dealings with any other person. The attention of the Supervisor/ Invigilator could be drawn by raising the hand.
24. During the course of answering a paper in the case of any urgent need, a candidate shall be permitted to leave the examination hall temporarily only under the surveillance of the Supervisor/Invigilator.
25. No candidate should copy or attempt to copy from any book, paper notes or similar material or from the scripts of another candidate. A candidate shall not help another candidate or obtain help from another person. No candidate should conduct himself/herself negligently so as to provide an opportunity to assist any other candidate in any way. That is a punishable offense.
26. No person shall impersonate a candidate, nor shall any candidate allow himself/herself to be impersonated by another person.
27. Serious notice will be taken of any dishonest assistance given to a candidate by any person aiding, abetting or copying at the examination.
28. If serious adverse circumstances occur, which requires cancellation or postponement of the examination, the Supervisor shall stop the examination, collect the scripts already written and then report the matter as soon as possible to the Sri Lanka Medical Council.
29. The Supervisor is empowered to require any candidate to make a statement in writing on any matter which may have arisen during the course of the examination and such statement shall be signed by the candidate and then certified by the supervisor that the statement was made in his presence.
30. The Supervisor is required to obtain both thumb print impression and identification by electronic finger printing of any candidate in the event of misbehavior, identification doubts or any other incident which may require further enquiry.
31. Every candidate shall hand over the answer scripts personally to the Invigilator and for this purpose remain in his/her seat until it is collected. On no account shall a candidate hand over the answer script to an attendant, a minor employee or any other candidate.
32. Every candidate who registers for the ERPM examination shall be deemed to have sat the examination unless he/she withdraws from the examination within the specified period or submits a medical certificate prior to the commencement of the examination. The Medical Certificate (MC) shall be from a medical practitioner registered with the SLMC. The registration number of such practitioner should be mentioned clearly. Such MC will require the acceptance of the Education Committee of the SLMC. The candidate would have to appear before a Medical Board appointed by the SLMC, if the necessity arises.
33. The results of the examination announced by the SLMC will be final and no complaints or representations will be entertained regarding the results, except re-scrutiny, which is officially permitted.
34. A CANDIDATE WOULD BE REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR ANY ALLEGED EXAMINATION OFFENCE. IF FOUND GUILTY AFTER AN INQUIRY, THE COUNCIL MAY IMPOSE A PUNISHMENT WHICH COULD INCLUDE CANCELLATION OF THE RESULT OF THE PAPER, CANCELLATION OF THE RESULT OF THE ENTIRE EXAMINATION AND/OR SUSPENSION FROM SITTING THE EXAMINATION FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD DECIDED UPON BY THE COUNCIL.
35. All candidates are strongly advised to read the ERPM/ERPDS Punishments/remedial Action for examination offences available at the SLMC website (<https://slmc.gov.lk/en/newstest/55-erpm-en/examination-regulations/233-erpm-erpds-punishments-remedial-actions-for-examination-offences>)

RULES FOR INFORMATION OF ERPM CANDIDATES

EXAMINATION VENUE CONDITIONS

1. Entry to the venue is **RESTRICTED to ERPM candidates only**.
2. The SLMC Registration Card (Yellow Card) is Essential to be shown to the staff at the gate for entry into the venue.
3. No personal bags would be permitted into the examination venue. Identification documents and items for use during the examination should be carried in a transparent file bag.
4. Cars, vans, motorcycles, bicycles or any other form of vehicles will **NOT** be permitted into the premises.
5. Conduct of candidates within the venue should be calm, non-aggressive and civilized.
6. Disturbance of the activities in adjoining class rooms, office or any other sections of the venue would be a serious offence.
7. Smoking is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** within the venue.
8. Meal facilities are **NOT** provided.
9. All current examination rules will apply.
10. No electronic communication device is allowed within the examination hall.



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