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Written Examination Protocol



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Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Check-in
8:30 a.m.	Orientation
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Book I
12:30 p.m.	Afternoon check-in
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Book II

Check-in

During check-in, you will be issued an NDEB ID card. To receive the NDEB ID card, you must show current government issued photo identification. Acceptable forms of government issued photo identification are:

- driver's licence,
- passport, or
- provincial photo identification card.

The identification must be in English or French.

Photo identification must show your name exactly as it appears in your NDEB online profile and must not be expired. If the photo identification does not have an expiry date, it must have been issued within the last 10 years.

If you do not provide government photo identification you will not be admitted.

Format

The Written Examination consists of two books. Each book contains 150 single-answer multiple-choice questions. Each question has a value of one mark. The lowest score for any question is zero.

Sample Question

1. Which of the following participate in clot formation?
 - A. Platelets.
 - B. Monocytes.
 - C. Lymphocytes.
 - D. Leukocytes.

ANSWER: A B C D E

Content

Examination items are developed based on the Competencies for a Beginning Dental Practitioner in Canada available in the [How to Prepare](#) section of the NDEB website.

Blueprint

The Written Examination blueprint below shows the content areas and approximate percentage of questions in each area.

Written Examination Blueprint	Approximate % of Questions
Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Local Anesthesia	9
Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Growth & Development, Oral Embryology, Abuse & Neglect	11
Periodontics, Prevention	11
Endodontics, Dental Emergencies, Trauma	8
Oral Medicine/Oral Pathology, Physiology, Microbiology/Immunology, General Biochemistry/Cariology, General Pathology/Medicine, Relationship General/Oral Health, Health Promotion & Population Health	24
Oral Surgery, Oral Facial Pain, Medical Emergencies, Anxious Patient, Anatomy, Oral Microanatomy	12
Oral Radiology, Infection Control, Occupational Hazards, Ethics & Jurisprudence, Informed Consent, Records, Scientific Literature	7
Operative Dentistry, Dental Anatomy/Occlusion, Fixed Partial Dentures/Removable Prosthodontics, Implants, Special Needs Patient, Geriatric Dentistry	18
Total	100%

Preparation Materials

You are encouraged to use the resources available, including the released examination materials, on the NDEB website. These resources are for personal use only.

Reference Texts

A list of reference materials recommended in Faculties of Dentistry in Canada can be found in the [How to Prepare](#) section of the NDEB website. The NDEB also references journal articles, clinical guidelines, and practice standards issued by specialty organizations.

Released Questions

The NDEB publishes a large volume of released questions which are available in the [How to Prepare](#) section of the NDEB website.

Tooth Numbering System

The FDI two-digit tooth numbering system is used in all examinations.

FDI / UNIVERSAL NUMBERING SYSTEM

PERMANENT DENTITION

FDI	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	FDI
Universal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Universal
Universal	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	Universal
FDI	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	FDI
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PRIMARY DENTITION

FDI	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	FDI
Universal	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	Universal
Universal	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	Universal
FDI	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5	FDI
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Training Courses

The NDEB is aware of third-party providers of test preparation courses. Be advised that the NDEB is not affiliated with, nor does it endorse any third-party providers of test preparation courses. The use of the NDEB's name by third parties unless expressly authorised is prohibited. The disclosure, distribution, solicitation, and reconstruction of NDEB examination content is strictly prohibited, as is the use for commercial purposes of NDEB examination content, including the released examination material on the NDEB website.

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See the NDEB's Intellectual Property Statement for more information on how the NDEB protects and enforces its rights.

Misconduct

All NDEB content, including examination content, is for personal use only. Any other use of NDEB content is strictly prohibited. Examples of prohibited use of NDEB content include, but are not limited to, receiving from or disclosing NDEB content, reproducing (through memorization or by any other means), and publishing any NDEB content in whole or in part. Conduct that compromises the confidentiality and integrity of the NDEB's processes and examinations will be investigated and is subject to the NDEB's By-laws regarding misconduct.

Additional information on [misconduct](#) can be found on the NDEB website.

Examination Day Regulations

This is a closed book examination. No study aids are permitted in the examination room. Failure to comply with any regulation may result in an accusation of misconduct.

- You must be punctual for all sessions. If you arrive late, you may be denied entry to the examination.
- Cell phones are prohibited while taking the exam. They must be turned off and placed in the designated area for personal items.
- All watches are prohibited while taking the exam. They must be turned off and placed in the designated area for personal items.
- Devices with recording or transmitting and/or receiving abilities are prohibited in the examination room.
- You must not wear a hat, hood, coat, hooded sweatshirt with the hood up, scarf covering the head, or bulky clothing (except where same constitutes religious attire).
- You must empty all pockets before entering or leaving the examination room.
- You must read and sign a Confidentiality and Non-disclosure Agreement provided on the morning of the examination. This agreement must be signed to receive results.
- Only water, in a transparent bottle, with the paper label removed, is allowed in the examination room.
- Food is not allowed in the examination room.
- If you require food, medicine, or medical equipment in the examination room you must submit a request pursuant to the NDEB [test accommodations](#) policy.
- Magnification with or without lights is not allowed for the Written Examination.
- Your NDEB ID card must always be visible.
- You cannot write on anything other than the materials provided by the NDEB.
- You can use the washroom facilities during an examination. If you use the washroom during the examination, an invigilator will accompany you. No extra time is given for washroom breaks.
- You are not permitted to bring any items, including a bag or purse into the washroom.
- Once the examination is in progress, if you leave the examination room for any reason, other than to use the washroom facilities, you will not be allowed to re-enter.
- You will not be allowed to leave the examination room when there are 10 minutes remaining.
- You must comply with all instructions given by the Test Administrator whether inside or outside the examination room.
- You must stop writing when directed by the Test Administrator.

It may be necessary for the NDEB to introduce new regulations or modify existing regulations for specific examination administrations. Any new or modified regulations will supersede regulations published in the protocol.

On Exam Day

Before entering the examination room:

- Remove all outerwear, including hats, scarves, and jackets.
- Empty all pockets.
- Remove all large jewelry and watches and place in your bag or jacket.
- Turn off your cell phone and place it in your bag or jacket.
- Use the washroom.

When entering the examination room:

- Place all personal items in the area designated by the Test Administrator. The NDEB and individuals administering the examination are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.
- Locate your seat.
- Place your NDEB ID card on your desk. This must always be visible.
- Do not talk to other examinees.
- Do not open your exam booklet.

During the examination:

- You must not communicate, or attempt to communicate, with other examinees.
- You must not write on anything except the materials provided by the NDEB.
- If you need to use the washroom, raise your hand, and wait for the invigilator to escort you.

At the end of the examination:

- You must stop writing when the Test Administrator indicates time is up. The transfer of answers from books to answer sheets must be completed within the session time.
- Remain in your seat until all your examination material is collected.
- You must not attempt to recreate questions or share specific test items with examinees, potential examinees, study groups, or anyone else.

Test Accommodations

Test accommodations are granted on an individual basis and are dependent on the nature and extent of the request, documentation provided, and requirements of the examination. Read the NDEB's policies and procedures for [Test Accommodations](#) on the NDEB website.

Exceptional Circumstances: Withdrawals, Compassionate Appeals, and Conduct of the Examination

Withdrawals

If, before the examination, you experience a serious medical circumstance or unanticipated exceptional circumstance beyond your control you must withdraw from the examination. Notice of such a withdrawal should be provided in writing using the [Withdrawal form](#) before the examination if possible, but no later than seven days following the examination. If applicable, supporting documentation must accompany the submission.

More information can be found in the [NDEB By-laws](#).

Compassionate Appeals

If you believe you have been prevented from demonstrating your ability because of a serious medical circumstance or unanticipated medical circumstance during the examination, you can submit a compassionate appeal to have the results of the examination voided. Compassionate appeals must be submitted using the [Compassionate Appeal Request form](#) within seven days of the examination.

More information can be found on the NDEB website and in the [NDEB By-laws](#).

Conduct of an Examination

If, during the examination, you believe there may have been an irregularity or inconsistency in the conduct of the examination that prevented you from demonstrating your ability, it must be immediately reported to staff at the examination centre.

Should you want to submit an appeal based on the reported irregularity or inconsistency, it must be submitted in writing within seven days of the examination using the [Appeal of the Conduct of an Examination Form](#).

More information is available in the [NDEB By-laws](#).

Results

Results are normally released within 10 weeks of the examination. You will receive an email notification when your results are available in your online profile.

Results will be reported as a Pass/Fail. Those who receive less than 75 will also receive their test equated re-scaled score.

Results will not be released by telephone, email, or fax.

Passing Standard

To maintain a consistent level of difficulty, the NDEB uses test equating and re-scaling procedures to correlate raw scores to scores on a reference examination and to a standardized passing score of 75.

You must obtain a minimum test equated, re-scaled score of 75 to be successful on an NDEB examination.

Information on test equating and re-scaling is available on the NDEB website.

Appeals and Rescoring

If you receive a failing grade, you have one month from the date results are released to request a manual rescore.

A manual rescore involves two NDEB staff members comparing the answers on your answer sheet with the master answer key. The result of the manual rescore will be the final score. In most circumstances, this process confirms that no errors occurred during the scanning and electronic scoring process.

In no case will you have access to your answer score sheets or examination questions.

Repeats

The Written Examination can be taken a maximum of three times.