

MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION

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The Council of the College are considering the regulations for the Examination for Membership. They are desirous of hearing the views of the Examiners, and in order to facilitate procedure at the Meeting called for TUESDAY, 12th November, 1946, you are invited to submit in advance your views in regard to the following twelve questions:-

1. What do you consider the significance of the M.R.C.P.?

(1) Admission to actual or potential specialist rank (2) Privilege of library
 (3) Privilege of laboratory
2. Do you think the present form of the examination entirely adequate and satisfactory?

Not entirely satisfactory
3. If not, what changes would you suggest?

(1) An examination committee (2) Addition of outside (of Edinburgh) Examiners
4. Is age 24 a suitable minimum for candidates?

No. Age 26 would be more in accord with specialist Character + Continued Study
5. Should the examination be spread over a longer time?

Only to the extent of allowing a day's interval between Examination days.
6. Should all the written papers in Medicine and Therapeutics be set and corrected by two (or three) Examiners?

The written paper is the most important and should be inspected by all appropriate Examiners.
7. Should these Examiners take part in the rest of the examination?

Yes; at least in the oral examination
8. Should the oral examination in Medicine and Therapeutics also be conducted by these selected examiners?

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9. Should a choice of questions (3 out of 4) be allowed to the candidate?

Better still & fairer a choice of 4 out of 6.
10. Should the number of examiners in clinical medicine be reduced?

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11. Should the examination continue to include a special (selected or additional) subject?

Yes
12. For those who are not already Specialists, might the selected subject be replaced by an examination in the Science of Medicine, which would include a deeper knowledge of applied physiology, special diagnostic methods, &c.?

Yes

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