



Exam Expertise

MSRA (Round 1)

Opinion, advice and insight from the January 2019 Exam

The Multi-Specialty Recruitment Assessment window for the August 2019 recruitment round took place between 3-14 January 2019. Results were released on 25 January 2019.

93% of Pastest subscribers reported that they had passed the exam, with all successful candidates answering over 1,000 questions, on average.

Average Qs answered by successful candidates

1,040

Candidates agreed that the hardest topics faced were **Dermatology, Rheumatology and Paediatrics**. The Professional Dilemma questions were also regarded as being particularly tricky, with one candidate commenting that they were “very vague with lots of answer options that were too similar to each other.”

Answer all the questions

Even if you're unsure what the correct answer is, have a go! There is **no negative marking** in the MSRA so it's well worth having the odd estimated guess. In the Professional Dilemmas paper, for example, even if you got the ranking in completely the wrong order, you would score a minimum of 8 marks for that question. Skipping will get you 0 marks!

With this in mind, time management is critical, particularly in the Clinical Problem Solving paper which requires you to answer one question every 45 seconds!

Swot up on specialties

There is often a high proportion of questions on Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Paediatrics in the

Most frequently searched for MSRA terms in MyPastest

- Diabetes
- Angina
- Hepatitis

MSRA, so focus your revision on these areas in particular. Candidates also recommend looking back over your medical school notes to refresh your knowledge.

Aim high!

Candidates who score over 575 in the MSRA qualify for a 'Direct Pathway to Offers' meaning they will not need to attend the Selection Centre. **The Pastest users who reported a score in excess of 575** for the January 2019 exam answered **an average of 1,212 questions** - so the more questions you answer the better you'll score!

Average mark of Pastest users who answered 1,000+ Qs



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