Exam Expertise

MRCP Part 1
Opinion, advice and insight from the January 2020 Exam

The MRCP Part 1 exam (2020/1) took place on 7 January 2020, with results released on 7 February 2020.

52% of Pastest customers have reported passing the exam, which is 13% higher than the overall pass rate reported by the Royal College of Physicians.

On average, successful candidates answered 4,167 questions in the Pastest resource with unsuccessful candidates averaging 2,836 questions answered - so build in plenty of revision time to work through as many practice questions as you can.

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Analysis of Pastest user data over the last ten MRCP Part 1 exam diets is quite clear on this point.

Users who answered none of the Pastest Past Papers had a pass rate of 22% less than the average. Users who answered 10+ Past Papers had a whopping 67% pass rate! It’s important to note though, that this was correlated with use of the main question bank. Users who ONLY used Past Papers didn’t perform well in the exam.

Read the question in full

The time pressure some candidates faced was made all the more acute by ‘red herrings’ in a number of questions. These usually crop up within questions with lengthy vignettes, leading you to second-guess the answer before being taken off in another direction.

Some exam candidates recommend reading the last line of the question first to avoid wasting time.

Average mark of Pastest users who answered 4,000+ Qs

568
Pass Mark = 540

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Advice from Exam Candidates

“Get to grips with diabetes - it’s going to be one of the biggest health burdens for the NHS in the next few decades and the exam reflects this.”

“Like with any standardised test, it’s vital to understand the question format and get into the rhythm of answering questions. Focus on answering as many questions as possible to maximise familiarity with clinical subjects.”

Average Qs answered by successful candidates

4,167

Most frequently searched for MRCP Part 1 terms in MyPastest

Stroke
HIV
Dementia