



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.

Most frequently searched for
MRCP Part 1 terms in MyPastest

Stroke



HIV



Dementia



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 Qs answered by **successful candidates**

4,167

Past Papers are Perfect Practice!

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.

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



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