

**Study Guide
Edition 12**

How to Use This Guide

This study guide contains 100 questions that have been used in past Fellowship Examinations. The subject matter covered in the study guide reflects the content outline used to construct the examination. The following sections are available within this Study Guide:

1. A 100 question practice examination. The questions are laid out in much the same way as the Fellowship Examination. However, these questions are grouped by subject area, whereas the questions in the actual examination are scrambled.
2. The answers to the 100 questions. These are arranged so that you can determine which questions you answered correctly. The accompanying score report allows you to see how well you did in each subject area so that you can map out a plan of study.
3. A critique section. The 100 questions are grouped by subject area, each with its correct answer, a discussion of why that answer was correct and why the others were not, and references substantiating the discussion.
4. A list of the references cited, by subject area.

The study guide has been arranged for you to use it in a variety of ways. Use it to:

1. Simulate an actual testing situation.

In the "questions" section, the 100 examination questions are shown as you would see them in the Fellowship Examination. Practice taking the exam by sitting with a clock to help you pace yourself. In the actual examination, you are given six hours to complete 400 questions. Therefore, you may allow yourself one and one-half hours to complete the 100 practice questions or about 33 questions per half an hour. You will find that it is not wise to spend too much time on any one question.

If the answer is not readily apparent, it may be best to temporarily skip this question, and then come back to it later. Select only ONE answer for each test item. While it may appear to you that more than one response may be correct to some degree, you should look for the best or most correct answer.

You may take the practice exam multiple times; however remember that 15 hours of CE credit will only be awarded once by the Dental Education Department once you have submitted the required documentation.

2. Determine which subject areas you need to review.

After taking the test, check the score report to see how well you did in each subject area. This will help you determine how to prioritize your studies. Do not become discouraged if you do not perform well on your first attempt. The Fellowship Examination is ability- or criterion referenced. This means that you will be competing with yourself rather than with other exam candidates.

3. Review the questions with their correct answers and critiques.

It will be helpful to review your performance in each of the subject areas to give you an idea of which particular discipline you need the most work on. The correct answers, critiques and references are provided in the study guide to aid you in the study process and in preparation for the exam.

4. Re-test yourself.

It will be helpful to take the test again after a period of time has elapsed. Be sure to limit your time to one and one-half hours and again do some intelligent guessing when you're not sure of the answer. Do this shortly before you take the Fellowship Examination, allowing time for additional review, if needed.

The Examination Council and AGD staff would like to know your opinion of the Study Guide; what worked well and what didn't and any suggestions you may have for improvements.

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