

The study guide contains 100 questions, some of which have been used in past Fellowship Examinations. The subject matter covered in the study guide reflects the content outline used to construct the examination. You will find the following materials in this booklet:

1. An answer sheet similar to the one you will use in the examination. It has room for answering 100 questions, with four vertical columns of 25 questions each. It is important that you return the completed original answer sheet to the AGD in order to receive **15 hours** of CE credit. Members will not receive credit for completing subsequent editions of the Study Guide.
2. 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.
3. The answers to the 100 questions. These are arranged so that you can easily score yourself and determine which questions you answered correctly. The accompanying score sheet allows you to record how well you did in each subject area so that you can map out a plan of study.
4. 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.
5. A list of the references cited, by subject area.

The study guide has been arranged to be used in a variety of ways. Use it to:

1. Simulate an actual testing situation.

In the “questions” section, the 100 examination questions are printed as you would see them in the Fellowship Examination. Practice taking the exam by sitting with the examination questions, the answer sheet and a clock to help you pace yourself. In the actual examination, you are given four hours to complete approximately 250 questions. Therefore, you may allow yourself one hour and 35 minutes 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, marking it in your

exam booklet, so that you can 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 photocopy the answer sheet in order to take the practice exam multiple times; however, remember that the original answer sheet must be returned to the AGD Education Department in order to obtain **15 hours** of CE credit. Members will not receive credit for completing subsequent editions of the Study Guide.

2. Determine which subject areas you need to review.

After taking the test, score yourself using the answer key. Use the accompanying score sheet to record 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 norm-referenced. This means that the passing score is based on what the Examinations Council considers to be the minimum level of knowledge a general dentist must possess to be considered proficient.

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. Retest 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 hour and 35 minutes, 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 Examinations 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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