



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CYTOLOGY SOCIETIES

## QUATE exam, Budapest, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 (Monday)

44th European Congress of Cytology, Budapest, Hungary

Budapest Hotel Marriott, Room Studio 2  
Apaczai Csere Janos u. 4

### Information to Candidates

The Exam comprises two components; written and practical

#### ***General information***

*The pass mark for each section of the exam is as follows:*

- *Written*                      50%
- *Screening test*              75%

**Candidates must pass both sections in order to be awarded an overall pass.**

**The examination papers will be marked a few days after the exam.**

**Successful candidates will receive their certificates within 14 days of the exam.**

**Those that fail will receive feedback on where they failed.**

#### **Written Paper**

**Comprises Multiple Choice Questions only.**

- 50 questions in one hour
- Choose the best answer from the five listed
- It is in your best interest to attempt ALL the questions.
- Marking
  - One mark for each correct answer
  - Zero for missing or incorrect answers.



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The written paper is available in English only.

Translation dictionaries can be used but will be checked by the examiners before the exam starts.

### Screening

- 16 slides to screen.
- Slides are rotated every 8 minutes for LBC and conventional slides. The slides will be screened in two batches of eight slides.  
A refreshment break will be provided between the two screening sessions.
- You will not see the slide again once you have passed it on. Do not mark the slide in any way.
- You MUST choose ONE answer ONLY in the diagnostic category and mark this on the answer sheet.
- All slides are considered satisfactory for reporting.
- If HPV changes (koilocytosis) are present the slide must be called abnormal and graded accordingly.
- Marking
  - Two marks for a correct answer
  - Zero for a missing answer, overcalling a negative slide or a major discrepancy in the grading of an abnormality (for instance LSIL called cancer)
  - Some slides carry one mark for an almost correct grading such as severe dyskaryosis called LSIL or a glandular lesion called squamous.
  - **Calling an abnormal slide normal (negative) will result in a minus score which means you will fail the exam.**
  - An overcall of a negative smear as abnormal in the screening test scores zero.

***Repeated overcalling of negative slides is the most common reason for failing the screening test.***



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*TIMETABLE*

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		<b>Timeline</b>
Registration	30 mins	8:30 – 9:00
Introduction (Instructions to candidates)	15 mins	9:00 – 9:15
Written paper (MCQ)	60 mins	9:15 – 10:15
Break	15 mins	10:15 – 10:30
Screening test, slides 1-8	75 mins	10:30 – 11:45
Break	15 mins	11:45 – 12:00
Screening test, slides 9-16	75 mins	12:00 – 13:15
Closing remarks	30 mins	13:15 – 13:45