

**पाटन स्वास्थ्य विज्ञान प्रतिष्ठान सेवा आयोग**  
**प्राज्ञिक सेवा, इन्टर्नल मेडिसिन समूह, Rheumatology उपसमूह सहायक प्राध्यापक पद नौ ख (९ ख) तहको खुला**  
**र आन्तरिक प्रतियोगितात्मक परीक्षाको पाठ्यक्रम**

यस पाठ्यक्रम योजनालाई दुई चरणमा विभाजन गरिएको छ :

**प्रथम चरण :-** लिखित परीक्षा (Written Examination)

पूर्णाङ्क :- २००

**द्वितीय चरण :-** अन्तर्वार्ता (Interview)

पूर्णाङ्क :- ३०

**प्रथम चरण (First Phase) : लिखित परीक्षा योजना (Written Examination Scheme)**

Paper	Subject		Marks	Full Marks	Pass Marks	No. Questions & Weightage		Time Allowed
I	General Subject	Part I: Management, General Health Issues, Academic Research and Teaching-Learning Practices	50	100	40	10 × 5 = 50 (Subjective)	1.30 hrs	2.15 hrs
		Part II: Technical Subject (Relevant Subject)	50			50 × 1 = 50 (Objective Multiple Choice)	45 min	
II	Technical Subject (Relevant Subject)			100	40	7 × 10 = 70 (Long answer) 2 × 15 = 30 (Critical Analysis)		3.00 hrs
<b>द्वितीय चरण (Second Phase)</b>								
	Interview			30		Oral		

**द्रष्टव्य :**

- लिखित परीक्षाको माध्यम भाषा नेपाली वा अंग्रेजी अथवा नेपाली र अंग्रेजी दुवै हुन सक्नेछ ।
- प्रतिष्ठानको प्राज्ञिक सेवा अन्तर्गतका सबै समूह/सबै उपसमूहहरूको लागि प्रथमपत्रको Part I को पाठ्यक्रमको विषयवस्तु एउटै हुनेछ । तर प्रथम पत्रको Part II र द्वितीयपत्र Technical Subject को पाठ्यक्रम समूह/उपसमूह अनुरूप फरक फरक हुनेछ ।
- प्रथम र द्वितीय पत्रको लिखित परीक्षा छुट्टाछुट्टै हुनेछ । प्रथम पत्रको Part II र द्वितीय पत्रको विषयवस्तु एउटै समूहको हकमा समान हुनेछ । परीक्षामा सोधिने प्रश्नसंख्या र अङ्कभार यथासम्भव सम्बन्धित पत्र, विषयमा दिईए अनुसार हुनेछ ।
- वस्तुगत बहुवैकल्पिक (Multiple Choice) प्रश्नहरूको गलत उत्तर दिएमा प्रत्येक गलत उत्तर बापत २० प्रतिशत अङ्क कट्टा गरिनेछ । तर उत्तर नदिएमा त्यस बापत अङ्क दिइने छैन र अङ्क कट्टा पनि गरिने छैन ।
- वस्तुगत बहुवैकल्पिक हुने परीक्षामा परीक्षार्थीले उत्तर लेख्दा अंग्रेजी ठूलो अक्षर (Capital letter) A, B, C, D मा लेख्नुपर्नेछ । सानो अक्षर (Small letter) a, b, c, d लेखेको वा अन्य कुनै सङ्केत गरेको भए सबै उत्तरपुस्तिका रद्द हुनेछ ।
- बहुवैकल्पिक प्रश्नहरू हुने परीक्षामा कुनै प्रकारको क्याल्कुलेटर (Calculator) प्रयोग गर्न पाइने छैन ।
- विषयगत प्रश्नहरूको हकमा एउटै प्रश्नका दुई वा दुई भन्दा बढी भाग (Two or more parts of a single question) वा एउटा प्रश्न अन्तर्गत दुई वा बढी टिप्पणीहरू (Short notes) सोध्न सकिने छ ।
- विषयगत प्रश्नमा प्रत्येक पत्र/विषयका प्रत्येक खण्डका लागि छुट्टाछुट्टै उत्तरपुस्तिकाहरू हुनेछन् । परीक्षार्थीले प्रत्येक खण्डका प्रश्नहरूको उत्तर सोही खण्डका उत्तरपुस्तिकामा लेख्नुपर्नेछ ।
- यस पाठ्यक्रम योजना अन्तर्गतका पत्र/विषयका विषयवस्तुमा जेसुकै लेखिएको भएतापनि पाठ्यक्रममा परेका कानून, ऐन, नियम, विनियम तथा नीतिहरू परीक्षाको मितिभन्दा ३ महिना अगाडि (संशोधन भएका वा संशोधन भई हटाईएका वा थप गरी संशोधन भई) कायम रहेकालाई यस पाठ्यक्रममा परेको सम्झनु पर्दछ ।
- प्रथम चरणको परीक्षाबाट छनौट भएका उम्मेदवारहरूलाई मात्र द्वितीय चरणको परीक्षामा सम्मिलित गराइनेछ ।

११. पाठ्यक्रम लागू मिति : २०७८/१०/१७

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**Paper I: General Subject**

**Part I:**

**(Management, General Health Issues, Academic Research and Teaching - Learning Practices)**

**Section (A) - 25 Marks**

**1. Management**

- 1.1. Health care management system in Nepal and other parts of the world
- 1.2. Fundamental principles of healthcare institution and hospital management.
- 1.3. Effective hospital management principles
- 1.4. Purpose of medical and non-medical data and records
- 1.5. Ethics and responsibility of management
- 1.6. Concept of management and its application in health care including hospital
  - 1.7.1 Management: Concept, principles, functions, scope and role, level and skills of manager
  - 1.7.2 Planning: Concept, principles, nature, types, instruments and steps
  - 1.7.3 Leadership: Concept, function, leadership styles, leadership and management
  - 1.7.4 Coordination: Concept, types, techniques of effective coordination
  - 1.7.5 Communication and counselling: Concept, communication processes and barrier to effective communication, techniques for improving communication
  - 1.7.6 Decision making: Importance, types, rational process of decision making, problem solving techniques, improving decision making
  - 1.7.7 Participative management: Concept, advantage and disadvantage, techniques of participation
  - 1.7.8 Time management: Concept, essential factors and strategies for effective time management
  - 1.7.9 Conflict management: Concept, approaches to conflict, levels of conflict, causes of conflict and strategies for conflict management
  - 1.7.10 Stress management: Concept, causes and sources of stress, techniques of stress management
  - 1.7.11 Change management: Concept, sources of organizational change, resistance to change, management of resistance to change
  - 1.7.12 Appreciative inquiry: Concept, basic principle and management
  - 1.7.13 Human resource management: Concept, functions and different aspects
  - 1.7.14 Health manpower recruitment and development
  - 1.7.15 Financial management: Concept, approaches, budget formulation and implementation, Auditing and topics related to fiscal administration

**2. General Health Issues**

- 2.1. Present constitution of federal republic of Nepal (including health and welfare issues)
- 2.2. Organizational structure of Ministry of Health at national/federal, regional/state, district (if applicable), municipal and village council level
- 2.3. Professional council and related regulations
- 2.4. National Health Policy
- 2.5. Health Service Act and Regulation
- 2.6. Second Long term health plan
- 2.7. Health Management Information System, forms, indicators, annual reports
- 2.8. Human Development Indices, Sustainable Development Goals
- 2.9. Health volunteers in the national health system, its rationale, use and effectiveness

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- 2.10. Local governance and community participation in health service delivery
- 2.11. Health Insurance and financing in health care
- 2.12. Alternative health care system: Ayurveda, homeopathy, Unani, Chinese etc.
- 2.13. Indigenous and traditional faith health and health practices
- 2.14. International Health Agencies: Roles and responsibilities of WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, Inter-agency relationships, Government-agency coordination: Joint Annual Review meeting
- 2.15. Supervision, types and its usage in health sector
- 2.16. Monitoring and evaluation system in health sector
- 2.17. National Health Training Centre
- 2.18. National and International Disaster Plan, Coordination
- 2.19. Patan Academy of Health Sciences Act, Mission, Goals, Organogram
- 2.20. Scope and function of Patan Academy of Health Sciences executive bodies (senate, executive committee, academic council, faculty board, hospital management committee, subject committee), various other committees

**Section (B) - 25 Marks**

**3. Academic Research**

- 3.1 Ethics, Bio-ethics and Professionalism
- 3.2 Human dignity and Human Right
- 3.3 Benefit and Harm
- 3.4 Autonomy and Individual responsibility
- 3.5 Consent and capacity to consent
- 3.6 Privacy and confidentiality
- 3.7 Respect for humans and personal integrity
- 3.8 Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization
- 3.9 Respect for cultural diversity and pluralism
- 3.10 National Health Research Council (NHRC) and its guidelines
- 3.11 Research process: ethical research proposal development, research principles, methods and materials, conclusion/recommendation/lesson learnt, commonly used referencing styles
- 3.12 IRB/IRC forms, types, use, importance; getting IRB/IRC clearance
- 3.13 Ethics on research methodology: sample selection, sample size calculation, ensuring reliability and validity of the instruments as well as methods proposed for health research
- 3.14 Quantitative and Qualitative studies
- 3.15 Data analysis (data visualization, descriptive statistics, inferential statistics with statistical hypotheses and appropriate tools/methods for quantitative studies; theme and code generation, thematic analysis, content analysis, grounded theory for qualitative and triangulation for mixed method studies)
- 3.16 Research ethics on vulnerable and non-vulnerable population
- 3.17 Research proposal/protocol/publication:
- 3.18 Publication ethics, plagiarism including self-plagiarism

**4. Teaching - Learning, Assessment and Evaluation**

- 4.1 Lancet Commission Report on Education of Health Professionals
- 4.2 Adult learning: Theories, principles, use, importance and outcomes, Andragogy vs. Pedagogy

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- 4.3 Conventional teaching - learning: Didactic lectures, Teacher centred approaches, use and importance
- 4.4 Surface learning, deep learning and metacognition
- 4.5 Integrated teaching: Genesis, use, importance and outcomes
- 4.6 Problem-based learning: Genesis, use, importance and outcomes
- 4.7 SPICES model its use, importance and outcomes
- 4.8 Socialization, self-directed learning, mentoring, role model
- 4.9 Community orientation/community posting, re-orientation of medical education camp, community based learning and community engaged teaching-learning methods/models, use, importance and outcomes
- 4.10 Outcome Based Education (Competency-based Medical/Health Professions Education): Genesis, use, importance and outcomes
- 4.11 Experiential learning, Reflective practice, Feedback and feed-forward, Situated learning, Co-operative learning, Communities of practice
- 4.12 Assessment of students
  - 4.12.1 Blueprinting (Table and specification) : use, importance and outcomes
  - 4.12.2 Bloom's taxonomy of cognitive, psychomotor and affective domains, use and importance
  - 4.12.3 Diagnostic, Formative, Summative and Professional exams
- 4.13 Assessment of knowledge: Selection methods like Multiple Choice Questions, Extended Matching Items and supply methods like Short Answer Question, Problem Based Question, Long Answer Question with or without model answers and marking schemes, unstructured, semi-structured and structured viva-voce examination, advantages and limitations, use and importance, outcomes and its use in quality control
- 4.14 Assessment of performance (in-vitro): Direct observation of skills in the simulated setting, lab, ward etc. with or without checklist, Objective Structured Practical Examination, Objective Structured Clinical Examination, Standardized patients, use and importance, analysis, quality assurance, outcomes and its use in quality control
- 4.15 Assessment of performance (in-vivo): Mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercise (Mini-CEX), Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS), Case-Based Discussion (CbD), OSATS/ PBA, Multi-Source feedback (360 degree evaluation) use and importance for competency based health professions education, analysis, quality assurance, outcomes and its use in quality control
- 4.16 Assessment of observable behaviours in small groups e.g. Problem Based Learning sessions, Community Based Learning and Education sessions, Clinical clerkship rotations
- 4.17 Evaluation: Difference between assessment and evaluation, theory of change and its use in health professions education, process and outcome evaluation, qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods used in evaluation of health professions education

**Paper I**

**Part II: Technical Subject**

**Section (C) - 25 Marks**

1. **Basic sciences relevant to Rheumatology:**
  - 1.1 Anatomy & surface anatomy of the musculoskeletal system including joints, bones, muscles & soft tissues in health & disease
  - 1.2 Physiology and biochemistry of the musculoskeletal system including joints, bones, muscles and soft tissues
  - 1.3 Innate and adaptive immune systems, including cellular and humoral immunity
  - 1.4 Concept of autoimmune diseases in the light of the normal functions of the immune system
  - 1.5 Pharmacology of drugs used in rheumatologic practice, including analgesics, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs, immunosuppressive agents, biologic agents, drugs used in treating patients with metabolic bone diseases, non-analgesic drugs used in the management of patients with chronic pain, drugs used in the management of gout, corticosteroids etc.
2. **Musculoskeletal pain problems and soft tissue rheumatisms:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
  - 2.1 Neck pain
  - 2.2 Spinal pain
  - 2.3 Intervertebral disc disorders
  - 2.4 Spinal canal or foraminal stenosis & related syndromes
  - 2.5 Limb pain syndromes: Rotator cuff disease, Enthesopathies including epicondylitis, plantar fasciitis, Non-specific limb pain, etc
3. **Osteoarthritis and related conditions:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
  - 3.1 Osteoarthritis of large joints
  - 3.2 Generalized Nodal osteoarthritis
  - 3.3 Diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis
  - 3.4 Neuropathic arthritis
4. **Crystal associated arthropathies:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
  - 4.1 Gout
  - 4.2 Pseudogout
  - 4.3 Apatite deposition disease
  - 4.4 Oxalate metabolism disorders
5. **Rheumatoid arthritis:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management
6. **Spondyloarthritides:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
  - 6.1 Ankylosing spondylitis
  - 6.2 Psoriatic arthritis
  - 6.3 Enteropathic arthropathies

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- 6.4 Reactive arthritis
  - 6.5 Whipple's disease
7. **Autoimmune connective tissue diseases:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
- 7.1 Systemic lupus erythematosus
  - 7.2 UCTD, MCTD
  - 7.3 Antiphospholipid syndrome
  - 7.4 Systemic sclerosis
  - 7.5 Sjogren's syndrome
  - 7.6 Inflammatory muscle disease
  - 7.7 Overlap syndromes
  - 7.8 Relapsing polychondritis
8. **Vasculitides:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
- 8.1 Giant cell arteritis (and polymyalgia rheumatica)
  - 8.2 Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener's granulomatosis)
  - 8.3 Polyarteritis nodosa and Microscopic polyangiitis
  - 8.4 Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (Churg Strauss syndrome)
  - 8.5 Behcet's disease
  - 8.6 Takayasu's arteritis
  - 8.7 Cutaneous vasculitis
  - 8.8 Panniculitis
  - 8.9 IgA vasculitis (Henoch Schonlein purpura)
  - 8.10 Cryoglobulinaemia
- Section (D) - 25 Marks**
9. **Rheumatic fever:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management
10. **Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of various forms of juvenile arthritis
11. **Bone disorders:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
- 11.1 Osteoporosis
  - 11.2 Rickets and osteomalacia
  - 11.3 Bone & joint dysplasias
  - 11.4 Renal bone disease
  - 11.5 Regional disorders
12. **Metabolic, endocrine and other disorders:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
- 12.1 Endocrine disorders affecting bone, joint or muscle (e.g., thyroid, pituitary, parathyroid disorders)
  - 12.2 Metabolic disorders affecting joints (e.g., alkaptonuria, haemochromatosis)
  - 12.3 Heritable collagen disorders

- 12.4 Haemoglobinopathies as they relate to the musculoskeletal system
- 12.5 Haemophilia and other disorders of haemostasis as they relate to the musculoskeletal system
13. **Infection and arthritis:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
  - 13.1 Septic arthritis
  - 13.2 Osteomyelitis
  - 13.3 Post-infectious rheumatic conditions, including post-infectious arthritis
  - 13.4 Lyme disease
  - 13.5 Mycobacterial, fungal & parasitic arthropathies
  - 13.6 Viral arthritis
  - 13.7 Human Immunodeficiency virus and Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
  - 13.8 Hepatitis B & C
14. **Neoplastic disease:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
  - 14.1 Paraneoplastic musculoskeletal syndromes
  - 14.2 Primary and secondary neoplastic conditions of connective tissue
  - 14.3 Tumours of bone
  - 14.4 Pigmented villonodular synovitis
15. **Miscellaneous disorders:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of:
  - 15.1 Sarcoidosis
  - 15.2 Eosinophilic fasciitis
  - 15.3 Familial Mediterranean fever
  - 15.4 Hypogammaglobulinaemia & arthritis
  - 15.5 Amyloidosis
  - 15.6 Sweets syndrome (neutrophilic dermatoses)
16. **Rheumatological disorders in the elderly:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of rheumatological disorders in the elderly
17. **Paediatric and Adolescent Rheumatology:** Epidemiology, causes, pathogenesis, pathology, clinical features, natural history, investigations and management of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases with onset during childhood and adolescence
18. **Investigations used in Rheumatological practice**
  - 18.1 Haematological tests
  - 18.2 Biochemical tests
  - 18.3 Immunological tests
  - 18.4 Synovial fluid analysis
  - 18.5 Microbiology/Serology
  - 18.6 Pathology
  - 18.7 Imaging
  - 18.8 Neurophysiology
19. **Orthopaedic surgery in the context of rheumatological practice**