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WRITTEN CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION
IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY (Part I)

2010 Content Outline

200 questions	Percent
I. Development	15%
A. Normal child development	
B. Child development theory (e.g., psychodynamics)	
C. Developmental psychopathology	
1. Risk factors	
2. Protective factors	
3. Longitudinal course	
4. Parent-child relational problem	
D. Family systems/development	
II. Biological science	10%
A. Neuroscience	
1. Neuroanatomy/neurophysiology	
2. Neurotransmitters/neuroreceptors	
3. Neuroimaging	
4. Developmental neurobiology	
5. Molecular genetics	
B. Basic pharmacology	
1. Pharmacokinetics	
2. Pharmacodynamics	
3. Developmental neurotoxicity	
C. Animal models	
III. Clinical science	10%
A. Epidemiology	
B. Statistics	
C. Research paradigms	
D. Genetics	
IV. Psychopathology/classification/differential diagnosis	15%
A. Developmental disorders	
1. Mental retardation	
2. Autistic disorder/PDDs	
3. Learning disorders	



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4.	Communication/language disorders	
B.	Disruptive behavior disorders	
1.	ADHD	
2.	Conduct disorder	
3.	Oppositional defiant disorder	
C.	Mood disorders/bereavement	
D.	Substance use disorders	
E.	Sleep disorders	
F.	Suicide	
G.	Eating disorders	
H.	Anxiety disorders	
I.	Obsessive-compulsive disorder	
J.	PTSD/dissociative disorders	
K.	Abuse/neglect	
L.	Family psychopathology	
M.	Adjustment disorders	
N.	Movement disorders	
O.	Personality disorders and traits	
P.	Schizophrenia/psychotic disorders	
Q.	Somatoform disorders	
R.	Violence/homicide	
S.	Comorbidity	
T.	Elimination disorders	
V.	Diagnostics	10%
A.	Psychological testing	
B.	Medical/laboratory testing	
C.	Diagnostic imaging	
D.	Diagnostic interviewing/rating scales	
VI.	Treatment	15%
A.	Clinical psychopharmacology	
B.	Psychodynamic/behavioral	
1.	Individual	
2.	Family/systems	
3.	Group	
4.	Residential	
5.	Operant behavioral	



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6. Cognitive behavioral	
VII. Consultation/Issues in Practice	15%
A. Pediatrics	
B. Neurology	
C. School	
D. Community/transcultural	
E. Custody/divorce	
F. Adoption/foster care	
G. Abuse/neglect	
H. Delinquency	
I. Forensics	
J. Ethics	
VIII. Prevention	10%
TOTAL	100%