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MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION
IN PSYCHIATRY - MODULAR VERSION
2010 Content Outline

100 questions	
For each content area, the following areas of interest are addressed:	
1.	Evaluation and diagnosis
2.	Clinical neuroscience, including psychiatric genetics
3.	Psychopharmacology
4.	Psychotherapies
5.	Age issues
6.	Gender issues
7.	Culture issues (e.g., religion and spirituality)
8.	Comorbidity
9.	Risk issues – medical/legal risk management
Content areas	Percent
I. Mood disorders	14%
A. Major depressive disorder	
B. Bipolar disorders	
C. Dysthymic disorder	
D. Mood disorders with seasonal pattern	
E. Mood episodes with postpartum onset	
F. Mood disorders due to a general medical condition	
G. Other mood disorders	
II. Psychotic disorders	13%
A. Schizophrenia	
B. Schizoaffective disorder	
C. Brief psychotic disorder	
D. Mental disorder due to a general medical condition	
E. Mental disorder NOS	
F. Delusional disorders	
G. Other mental disorders	
III. Substance-related disorders	13%
A. Alcohol	
B. Stimulants and related drugs	



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C.	Hallucinogens and cannabis	
D.	Nicotine	
E.	Opiates	
F.	Sedatives and hypnotics	
G.	Inhalants	
H.	Cocaine	
I.	Other substances and substance-related disorders	
IV.	Anxiety disorders	13%
A.	Panic disorder	
B.	Obsessive-compulsive disorder	
C.	Posttraumatic stress disorder	
D.	Generalized anxiety disorder	
E.	Phobias	
F.	Acute stress disorders	
G.	Anxiety disorders due to a general medical condition	
H.	Other anxiety disorders	
V.	Personality disorders	13%
A.	Paranoid	
B.	Schizoid and schizotypal	
C.	Antisocial	
D.	Borderline	
E.	Narcissistic	
F.	Histrionic	
G.	Avoidant	
H.	Dependent	
I.	Obsessive-compulsive	
J.	Other personality disorders	
VI.	Delirium, dementia, and cognitive disorders	11%
A.	Delirium	
B.	Dementias	
C.	HIV	
D.	Mental disorder NOS due to a general medical condition	
E.	Amnestic disorders	
F.	Other delirium, dementia, and cognitive disorders	
VII.	Ethics and forensic issues	6%



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A.	Reporting laws	
B.	Professional behavior	
C.	Confidentiality	
D.	Involuntary treatment	
E.	Competence	
F.	Criminality issues	
G.	Bioethics	
H.	Malpractice	
I.	Other ethics and forensic issues	
VIII.	Life cycle and adjustment disorders	4%
A.	Growth and development	
B.	Reproductive function	
C.	Premenstrual dysphoric disorder	
D.	Menopause/andropause	
E.	Adjustment disorders	
F.	Death and dying	
G.	Other life cycle and adjustment disorders	
IX.	Childhood disorders that persist into adolescence and adulthood	3%
A.	ADHD	
B.	Tourette disorder and other tic disorders	
C.	Mental retardation	
D.	Pervasive developmental disorders	
E.	All other childhood psychiatric disorders	
X.	Somatoform and factitious disorders	3%
A.	Somatization disorder	
B.	Conversion disorder	
C.	Hypochondriasis and body dysmorphic disorder	
D.	Pain disorders	
E.	Factitious disorder and malingering	
F.	Other somatoform and factitious disorders	
XI.	Eating disorders	2%
A.	Anorexia nervosa	
B.	Bulimia nervosa	
C.	Obesity	
D.	Other eating disorders	



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XII. Sexual and gender identity disorders	2%
A. Paraphilias	
B. Sexual dysfunction	
C. Gender identity disorders	
D. Other sexual and gender identity disorders	
XIII. Dissociative disorders	1%
A. Dissociative identity disorder	
B. Other dissociative disorders	
XIV. Impulse-control disorders not elsewhere classified	1%
A. Pathological gambling	
B. Intermittent explosive disorders	
C. Other impulse-control disorders	
XV. Sleep disorders	1%
A. Insomnia	
B. Sleep apnea	
C. Parasomnias	
D. Other sleep disorders	
TOTAL	100%