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## 4. Scheme of NEET SS Examination

- 4.1. NEET-SS 2022 shall be conducted as a computer based examination. The different groups shall be examined in the morning or afternoon shifts on **1st September 2022 and 2nd September 2022** as per details given below.
- 4.2. The list of Super specialty courses for which NEET-SS 2022 shall be conducted can be seen at **Annexure C** along with prior entry qualifications i.e. feeder broad/super specialty qualifications eligible for a particular super specialty course.
- 4.3. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Govt of India and the National Medical Commission (NMC) have approved the following **scheme of NEET-SS 2022:**
  - 4.3.1. **Group based exam:** The pattern of examination has been changed as compared to the last year. This year the examination will be group based examination and the examination paper will consist of questions from only broad specialty primary feeder and each candidate can opt for any of the super specialty as per feeder subject, unlike last year, where each candidate could have opted for only two super specialties and the examination paper consisted of 60% questions from super specialty and 40% questions from feeder broad specialty.
  - 4.3.2. All DM/MCh/DrNB Courses offered for admission through NEET-SS 2022 are grouped into 13 different groups as detailed under for the purpose of administering the question paper. There shall be a common question paper for admission to all the superspecialty courses covered in a particular group. Accordingly, there shall be 13 different question papers.
  - 4.3.3. Candidates from all eligible feeder specialty subjects shall be required to appear in the question paper of respective group, if they are willing to opt for a superspecialty seat in any of the

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super specialty courses covered in that group. A candidate can opt for appearing in the question papers of as many groups for which his/her PG specialty qualification is an eligible feeder qualification.

**4.3.4. Primary Feeder Specialties:** Each group shall have a primary feeder broad specialty subject as listed below in **Table 1**. The questions in the paper for any group will cover the General/Basic component and all sub-specialty/systems/components of *respective primary feeder broad specialty subject*.

**4.3.5. Question Paper:** Total number of questions in a question paper shall be 150 to be attempted in 2 ½ hours duration (150 minutes). The question paper will consist of questions from the General/Basic component of the primary feeder broad specialty subject and from all sub-specialty/systems/component of that primary feeder broad specialty subject. All the 150 questions would be from the Curriculum of the Post Graduate Exit level of the primary feeder broad specialty subject.

**4.3.6. Multiple Eligible Broad Specialty Feeder:** Wherever more than one broad specialties are eligible feeder for admission to a super specialty subject, candidates of all such eligible feeder specialties shall be required to appear in the question paper of respective group. For eg.

- a) The eligible feeder broad specialties for DM/DrNB Endocrinology are General Medicine and Paediatrics. Since admissions to DM/DrNB Endocrinology is covered in Medical group, therefore, Paediatrics candidates shall also have to appear in the question paper of Medical Group along with the candidates of General Medicine.
- b) Similarly, General Surgery and ENT both are feeder specialties for MCh Head & Neck Surgery which is covered in ENT group. Therefore, both General Surgery & ENT candidates

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will have to appear in the Question Paper for ENT Group to apply for admission to MCh Head & Neck Surgery.

- c) General Medicine, Paediatrics, Respiratory Medicine, Anaesthesia and Emergency Medicine are all eligible feeder specialties for DM/DrNB Critical Care Medicine which is covered in Medical Group. Therefore, candidates of all these subjects will have to appear in the Question Paper for Medical Group to apply for admission to Critical Care Medicine.
- d) By appearing in the question paper of a group and on qualifying the examination, a candidate shall be eligible to exercise his/her choices in the counseling only for those superspecialty subjects covered in said group for which his/her broad specialty is an eligible feeder. For e.g Emergency Medicine candidates shall be able to exercise their choice only for DM/DrNB Critical Care Medicine and DM/DrNB Medical Genetics seats in the counseling by appearing in the question paper of Medical group.

**4.3.7. Marking Scheme:** There shall be 25% negative marking for incorrect answers. No marks will be deducted for unattempted questions. Allocation of marks for each MCQ shall be as follows:

S.NO.	RESPONSE	MARKS
1	Correct Response	4 Marks
2	Incorrect Response	1 Mark shall be deducted
3	Unattempted Question	Zero

**4.3.8.** The **Annexure B** to this bulletin provides details of all superspecialty courses to which a particular Broad Specialty is an eligible feeder qualification. The **Annexure C** provide details of all broad specialties which are eligible feeder qualifications for a particular superspecialty subject.

**Table 1: Question Paper Groups, Primary Eligible Feeder Specialty and Super specialty Courses covered in each group**

Question Paper Group	Primary Eligible Feeder Specialty, questions from General component and sub-specialty components of which at PG Exit level will be asked in question paper of the group	Super specialty courses admission to which are covered through this group question paper	
Medical Group	MD/DNB General Medicine	1	Cardiology
		2	Clinical Haematology
		3	Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology
		4	Critical Care Medicine
		5	Endocrinology
		6	Medical Gastroenterology
		7	Hepatology
		8	Infectious Diseases
		9	Medical Genetics
		10	Medical Oncology
		11	Nephrology
		12	Neurology
Surgical Group	MS/DNB General Surgery	1	Cardiovascular & thoracic Surgery
		2	Paediatric Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery
		3	Paediatric Surgery
		4	Surgical Gastroenterology
		5	Hepato Pancreato Biliary Surgery
		6	Neurosurgery
		7	Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
		8	Urology
		9	Vascular Surgery
		10	Surgical Oncology
		11	Endocrine Surgery
		12	Thoracic Surgery

Paediatric Group	MD/DNB Paediatrics	1	Neonatology
		2	Paediatric Hepatology
		3	Paediatric Nephrology
		4	Paediatric Oncology
		5	Paediatric Neurology
		6	Paediatric Cardiology
		7	Paediatric Gastroenterology
		8	Paediatric Critical Care
Obstetrics & Gynaecology Group	MD/MS/DNB Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1	Gynaecological Oncology
		2	Reproductive Medicine & Surgery
Orthopaedics Group	MS/DNB Orthopaedics	1	Hand Surgery
		2	Paediatric Orthopaedics
Anaesthesia Group	MD/DNB Anesthesiology	1	Cardiac Anaesthesia
		2	Neuroanesthesia
		3	Organ Transplant Anaesthesia & Critical Care
		4	Paediatric & Neonatal Anaesthesia
Radiodiagnosis Group	MD/DNB Radiology	1	Neuro Radiology
		2	Interventional Radiology
Respiratory Medicine Group	MD/DNB Respiratory Medicine	1	Pulmonary Medicine
Microbiology Group	MD/DNB Microbiology	1	Virology
Pathology Group	MD/DNB Pathology	1	Onco-Pathology
Psychiatry Group	MD/DNB Psychiatry	1	Geriatric Mental Health
		2	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Pharmacology Group	MD/DNB Pharmacology	1	Clinical Pharmacology
ENT Group	MS/DNB ENT	1	Head & Neck Surgery