

Medical History

How was the MBBS Examination during British Times ?

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This is part of an extremely rare document :

The question paper of Medicine of Final M.B. examination, 1934 of Calcutta University. As the readers can see, *Dr Upendranath Brahmachari* was the convenor and under him, *Dr B.C. Roy* was examiner. There were two examiners from the Indian Medical Service (IMS). There is no possibility that anyone who had appeared in this examination is still alive in 2022. But the questions given in this paper are all still very relevant and may be used for an examination in 2021 also. As noted here, all questions were compulsory. There were just 2 questions (essay type) in each half. Just imagine an MBBS student facing *Dr U Brahmachari* and *Dr BC Roy* as examiners!!

Final M. B. Examination

April, 1934

MEDICINE

FIRST PAPER

Examiners—

RAI BAHADUR DR. UPENDRANATH BRAHMACHARI, M.A.,
 M.D., Ph.D., F.A.S.B. (Convener)
 DR B. C. RAY, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P.
 LT.-COL. J. C. DEY, M.B., M.R.C.P., I.M.S.
 CAPT. PRATULPATI GANGULI, B.A., D.T.M.
 LT.-COL. E. H. VERE-HODGE, I.M.S., M.D., M.R.C.P.
 DR. A. K. RAYCHAUDHURI, M.D.

The questions are of equal value.

First Half

1. Describe the signs and symptoms of heart-failure in a case of mitral stenosis. Describe the naked eye appearances that would be found in the post-mortem examination in such a case.
2. A middle aged person is suffering from Polyuria. Describe the methods of investigation to arrive at a proper diagnosis.

Second Half

1. Give the causes, signs, symptoms, and diagnosis of a case of peripheral neuritis.
- Or,
2. Classify fevers of short duration not exceeding ten days. Give their differential diagnosis.

SECOND PAPER

The questions are of equal value.

First Half

1. Give the signs, symptoms, differential diagnosis, and pathology of a case of cancer of liver.
2. Describe the mode of onset of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Discuss the diagnosis of the disease in its initial stage. What are the indications for performing artificial Pneumothorax in this disease?

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