



ABPath Exam Blueprint

Updated for 2021

Cytopathology Exam Blueprint	Approximate %		
	Written/Practical I	Written/Practical II	Micro/Virtual
Cervical/vaginal cytology	17	17	12
Other Lower Anogenital tract, men and women (anal, vulvar)			
Female Genital (endometrium, upper tract)			
Male GU (testis, prostate, code lower genital tract and skin elsewhere)			
Pleural and Pericardial effusions	7	7	12
Peritoneal effusions			
Pelvic washings			
Synovial fluid	3	3	3
Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)			
CNS and Eye (other than CSF)			
The Urinary Tract	5	5	7
Respiratory Exfoliative (Sputum, brushing, washing)	7	7	13
Lung FNA			
Esophageal	1	1	0
Stomach			
Small Bowel, Large Bowel and Appendix (see lower genital tract for anal)			
Liver	5	5	5
Biliary and gallbladder	6	6	7
Pancreas			
Salivary Gland FNA	5	5	5
Thyroid and Parathyroid FNA	7	7	10
Lymph Node FNA	5	5	5
Head and Neck, Intraoral: see specific organs and soft tissue if not listed	5	5	3
Breast and nipple	1	1	3
Mediastinum and Retroperitoneum	4	4	3

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Kidneys	3	3	7
Adrenal glands			
Superficial lumps, skin scrapings (see soft tissue also)	3	3	5
Soft tissue			
Bone			
Cytopathology Laboratory Administration, Management, Techniques and Procedures	16	16	0
Total Percentage	100	100	100
Total Number of Questions in Each Section	120	120	60 (40/20)
Total Hours Allotted for Each Section	2 Hrs 22 Mins	2 Hrs 23 Mins	3 Hrs 30 Mins