

FINAL FRCA Short Answer Questions Club:
North Central London School of Anaesthesia

A free revision aid for those planning to sit the Final FRCA Short Answer / Constructed Response Questions exam in September 2019.

Read on if this applies to you... [registering your interest before 20th April at FRCASAQS@gmail.com](mailto:FRCASAQS@gmail.com)

The SAQ/CRQ exam is a daunting component of the Final FRCA exam. To aid revision for this exam, the North Central School of Anaesthesia is offering you the chance to join the Final FRCA Short Answer Questions Club (FRCASAQS).

Feedback has been universally positive with 58 people signing up to the last round of questions:

- *'SAQ writers club was single greatest motivator for revision. It was the one weekly activity I strangely enough looked forward to!'*
- *'Fantastic to be able to compare my responses to my cohorts, and it motivated me to face the books, when nothing else did!'*
- *'Really very useful. Good in the early stages for motivation, and later on for practising more time pressured responses and expanding knowledge, as well as having a body of answers to compare any points that were unclear.'*

What is the aim of the Final FRCA Short Answer Questions Club?

The primary aim of the FRCASAQS is to help you revise for your exam. Whether you are just starting off with your revision, or well into it, the Club is here to help. Whilst there is no substitute to hard work, we hope we can motivate you in your preparation with carefully chosen practice questions covering the breadth of the syllabus, feedback on how your peers are doing, and the opportunity to sit a practice exam prior to the big day.

How does the FRCASAQS work?

- 1) At the start of every week, a number of carefully selected SAQs will be sent to your email account. These questions will have been specifically chosen, encompassing

‘examiners favourites’, previously poorly answered questions, and current topics of interest. As the exam draws nearer, the number of questions sent out each week will be increased.

- 2) At a convenient time in the week, you should write answers for the set questions – with pen and paper, laying out the answers exactly as you would in the exam. How you go about this, how you lay out your answer, and whether you read up on the topics prior to answering them, is totally up to you. You know, or will soon work out, what is best for you.
- 3) Once answered, scan your answer sheet and then email them back to us at FRCASAQS@gmail.com (There are lots of free apps you can download onto your phone to do this e.g. Scanner Mini (by Readdle)).
- 4) At the end of the week, we collate and anonymise all the answers (scans) we have received, and then email them back out to everyone along with the next weeks questions.
- 5) If you have previously replied with answers, you will therefore be in the position to look over other peoples responses, which in turn will:
 - Allow you to consolidate, and even boost your knowledge on the topic.
 - See how others answer the questions in terms of their layout, style, prioritisation of information etc.
 - Cover important topics from across the syllabus
 - Motivate you in your exam revision.
- 6) And so the process continues...
- 7) Finally, in the run up to the exam, there will be a chance to sit a practice exam. Twelve questions in three hours under exam settings – a task well worth attempting prior to the big day.

It is totally up to you to reply to the set questions, and read your peers responses, however you will very much get out of the process, what you put in to it. Similar methods to this have certainly boosted the SAQ pass mark in a number of other deaneries around the country, and we hope this will be the case here in North Central London.

How do I join the Final FRCA Short Answer Questions Club?

THE FRCASAQS is totally free, and all you have to do is send an email to FRCASAQS@gmail.com to register. We will then add your email address to the weekly mailing

list and that's you good to go. Emails will continue to be sent to you until you ask to be removed from the list – which hopefully will not be too long after you join the FRCASAQS when you pass the SAQs exam!

If you have any further questions regarding the FRCASAQS, then please don't hesitate to contact us at FRCASAQS@gmail.com

Many thanks and good luck

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