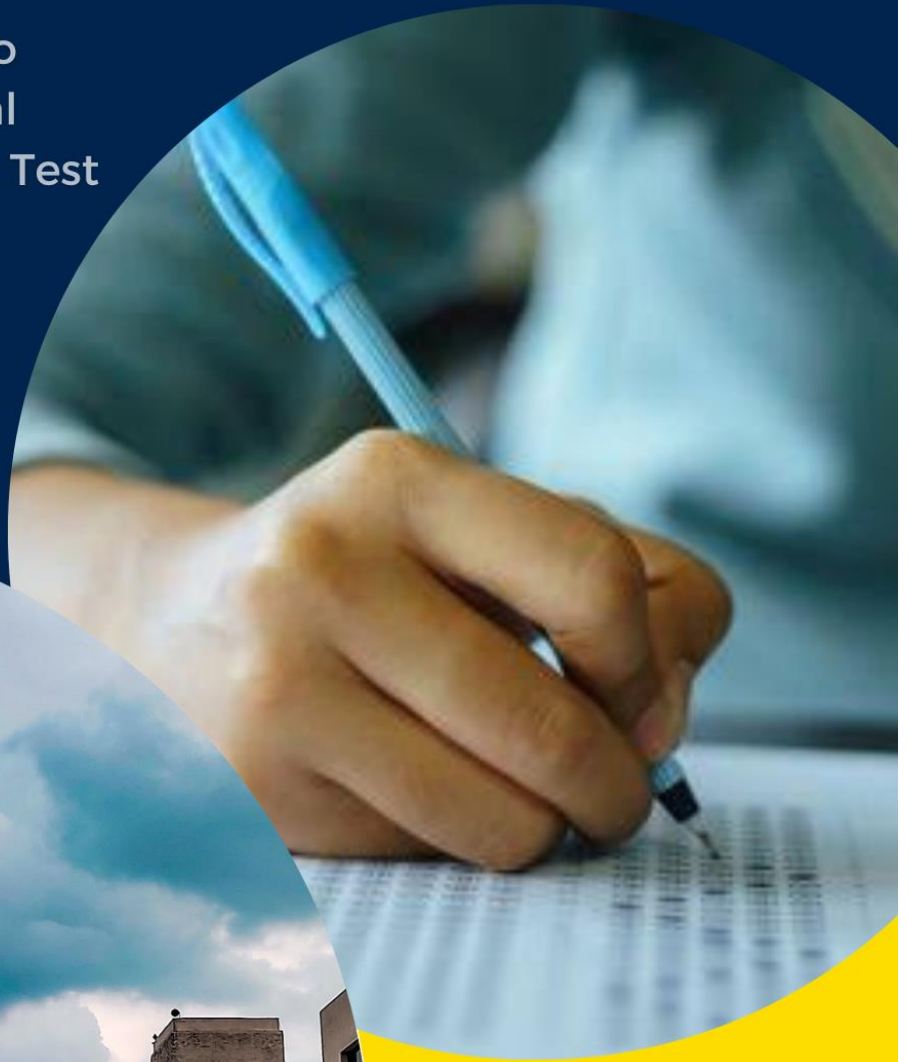


Information Booklet

MDCAT-2022

An Official Guide to
Medical and Dental
College Admission Test



University of Health Sciences
Khyaban-e-Jamia Punjab ,
Lahore - Pakistan

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FOREWORD

Congratulations! Reading MDCAT-2022 Information Booklet is the first step in preparing to take the Medical and Dental College Admission Test and toward a rewarding and fulfilling career in medicine and dentistry. The test is being conducted by the University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore in the province of Punjab on behalf of Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) and as a fiduciary to the Government of Punjab.

The MDCAT exam has been part of the medical and dental colleges' admission process for over 20 years. All medical and dental institution in Pakistan, require applicants to submit recent MDCAT scores. Additionally, many other health professions and undergraduate programmes accept MDCAT scores as evidence of academic knowledge and skill relevant to their field of study.

The MDCAT-2022 Information Booklet is your guide to the official policies and procedures for taking the MDCAT exam. The booklet will provide you with information about schedule, test-day policies, post-test-day procedures, and the rules in place to protect the integrity of the exam. It also includes frequently asked questions for the guidance of the candidates and their parents. The information in this guide is necessary for a hassle-free testing experience.

You will find contact information throughout this guide if you have questions. All of us at the University of Health Sciences (UHS) wish you the best and much success as you move forward towards a career in medicine or dentistry.

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1. General Information

1.1 We advise the candidates to please be aware of the following as they read this booklet:

1.1.1 This is the Official MDCAT-2022 Guide and contains information regarding the test, its processes and procedures, rules and regulations which the candidates are required to follow.

1.1.2 Candidates must follow the instructions strictly as given in the Information Booklet. Candidates not complying with the instructions shall be summarily disqualified.

1.1.3 The University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore does not endorse any commercially- available preparation courses or material for MDCAT.

1.2 Contact:

For any query, the candidates may contact the University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore. We shall not answer queries related to the contents of the test apart from what is given in this booklet:

University of Health Sciences Lahore

24/7Helpline: +92-42-111-333-366

E-mail: mdcat2022@uhs.edu.pk

Website: www.uhs.edu.pk

Postal Address: Khayaban-e-Jamia-e- Punjab, Lahore, 54600, Pakistan

2. General Policy

2.1 Medical & Dental College Admission Test (MDCAT)-2022 shall be conducted by the University of Health Sciences Lahore as per the policy decision of Pakistan Medical Commission notified on 5th October 2022.

2.2 Merely appearing and qualifying MDCAT does not confer any right to the candidate for admission in MBBS/ BDS courses. The admission to any Medical/Dental Institution recognized for offering MBBS/ BDS Courses is subject to fulfilling admission criteria, eligibility, rank in merit list, medical fitness and such other criteria as may be prescribed by Pakistan Medical Commission, Admitting University and the Government of Punjab.

- 2.3 Instructions in the Information Booklet may change / be updated based on decisions taken by the Federal and Provincial Authorities from time to time which shall be binding upon the candidates.
- 2.4 The PMC and the University reserves the right to withdraw permission, if any, granted inadvertently to any candidate who is not eligible to appear in the Test even though the Roll Number and Admittance Card has been issued to the candidate.
- 2.5 Candidate's eligibility for MDCAT is purely provisional and is subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria as prescribed by the PMC.
- 2.6 In case of any ambiguity in interpretation of any of the instructions/terms/rules/criteria regarding determination of eligibility/conduct of examination/registration of candidates/ information contained therein, the interpretation of the PMC/University shall be final and binding.
- 2.7 Candidates are advised to regularly check the PMC website (www.pmc.gov.pk) and UHS website (www.uhs.edu.pk) for any further updates or information.

3. What is MDCAT?

- 3.1 The Medical & Dental Colleges Admission Test (MDCAT) is a standardized admission test which is MANDATORY for admission to MBBS and BDS programme in all public and private sector medical and dental institutions as per Section 18(1) of Pakistan medical Commission Act, 2020. It is a three and a half hour (210 minutes) pen and paper based test. The test shall be administered by the University of Health Sciences (UHS), Lahore, on behalf of the PMC and Government of the Punjab. UHS is responsible for producing and marking the test, and also facilitating an extensive province-wise centre network at which the candidates can sit the test.

4. Weightage of MDCAT

- 4.1 As per the Admission Policy 2022-2023 notified by the PMC on 10th October 2022, the criteria to formulate merit for admission to a medical or dental college shall be as follows:

SSC/Matriculation/Equivalent	-	10% weightage
FSc (Pre-Medical)/HSSC/Equivalent	-	40% weightage
MDCAT-2022	-	50% weightage

5. Test Date

5.1 The MDCAT-2022 shall be held on **Sunday, 13th November 2022**. It will **start at 11.00 AM sharp and conclude on 02:30 PM**. The reporting time for the candidates is from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Centres will be sealed at 10:00 AM.

6. Syllabus of MDCAT

6.1 The question paper for the Test shall be from the **MDCAT Curriculum 2022** notified by the PMC on 27th June 2022 and that is available on <https://www.pmc.gov.pk/Syllabus>.

7. Pattern of Question Paper

7.1 As per PMC syllabus, the test shall consist of one paper containing 200 multiple-choice questions (MCQs) - four options with single best answer- divided into Four (05) sections, namely:

- (i) Biology (68 MCQs)
- (ii) Chemistry (54 MCQs)
- (iii) Physics (54 MCQs)
- (iv) English (18 MCQs)
- (v) Logical Reasoning (06 MCQs)

7.2 The duration of Test shall be three and a half hour (210 minutes). Total marks shall be 200.

7.3 There shall be No Negative Marking in the test. For each correct answer, one (01) mark shall be awarded to a candidate. No mark shall be deducted for not attempting a question.

7.4 In accordance with the PMC Policy Decision dated 5th October 2022, the pass marks in MDCAT-2022 shall be as follows:

For MBBS – 55% (i.e. 110/200)

For BDS – 45% (i.e. 90/200)

7.5 The medium of the question paper shall be English.

7.6 The difficulty of the question paper shall be as that prescribed by the PMC in its MDCAT Curriculum 2022.

8. Registration for MDCAT-2022

8.1 The online registration of MDCAT-2022 was done by the Pakistan Medical Commission. The registration has been closed on 10th October 2022. Any query or complaint regarding registration must be addressed to the Pakistan Medical Commission, Islamabad.

9. Centres for the MDCAT-2022

9.1 As per PMC directions, the MDCAT-2022 shall be conducted in the following eight (08) cities of Punjab:

Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, D.G. Khan, Bahawalpur, Sahiwal, Sialkot, and Gujranwala

9.2 The candidates have already given their choice for the centres in their online registration form. The University shall allot a centre to a candidate in the city of his/her choice as given on his/her online registration form. There shall be separate centres for boys and girls.

10. Issuance of Admittance Card

10.1 All the registered candidates appearing in MDCAT-2022 from Punjab can download their Admittance Cards from the University website (www.uhs.edu.pk) with effect from 7th November 2022. To access their Admittance Card, the candidates will have to enter their Full Name and Last Four Digits of their ID (i.e. CNIC/Passport/B-Form) used by them for registration of MDCAT-2022. The candidates are advised to download and take a print-out of their admittance card on white, plain, A4 size paper.

10.2 The Admittance Card is issued provisionally to the candidates, subject to the fulfillment of the eligibility conditions.

10.3 The candidate has to appear for the Test at the given Centre on Date and Time as indicated on their Admittance Card.

10.4 No candidate shall be allowed to appear at the examination centre, on Date and Time other than that allotted to him/her on his/her Admittance Card.

10.5 The candidates are advised to read the instructions on the Information Booklet as well as on the Admittance Card carefully and follow these during the conduct of the examination.

10.6 In case of any discrepancy in the particulars of the candidate or his/her photograph as shown in the Admittance Card, the candidate must immediately approach the University with relevant documents.

- 10.7 Please note:
- (i) Admittance Card will not be sent by post.
 - (ii) Candidate must not mutilate the Admittance Card or change any entry made therein.
 - (iii) Candidates are advised to preserve their Admittance Card for future reference.
 - (iv) Issue of Admittance Card, however, shall not necessarily means acceptance of eligibility which shall be further scrutinized at subsequent stages of admission process.
 - (v) For any query/complaint regarding the issuance of your Admittance Card, please send an email at mdcat2022@uhs.edu.pk.

11. Test Day Procedures and Regulations

- 11.1 Before heading out to the test centre, the candidates must make sure that they have the proper address of the centre.
- 11.2 The Examination Centre will be opened two (02) hours before the commencement of the test. No candidate shall be allowed to enter the Examination Centre after 10:00 a.m. Therefore, candidates must ensure that they leave home well in advance considering all facts like traffic, location of the centre, weather conditions, etc. Candidates are expected to take their seats immediately after the opening of the Examination Hall.
- 11.3 The test shall start at 11:00 a.m. sharp on scheduled date. The candidates should reach their respective centres two hour (**i.e. at 09:00 a.m.**) before the commencement of the Test.
- 11.4 The Supervisory Staff shall search / check candidates into the examination hall one by one, according to their roll numbers, to begin the Test. During the examination time, the Invigilator will check Admittance Card of the candidates to ascertain the identity of each candidate. The Invigilators will also put their own signature in the place provided on the first page of Question Paper, Answer Sheet and on the Attendance Sheet.
- 11.5 **The candidate must bring:**
- (a) Original CNIC/POC/JC/Passport/B-Form (Photocopies are not acceptable). Please bring the same document with which you registered for MDCAT-2022;
 - (b) A print-outs of Admittance Card issued by the University;

- (c) A clean, preferably transparent clip board with nothing written on it;
 - (d) Two **blue** ball point pens (not pointers, markers, pencils, jell pens, ink pens, etc.);
 - (e) A small, transparent bottle of drinking water.
- 11.6 **A candidate who fails to bring Original CNIC/POC/JC/Passport/B-Form and print-out of his/her Admittance Card shall not be allowed to appear in the test.** Any other document except those mentioned above shall not be acceptable for appearance in the test.
- 11.7 A seat with a roll number will be allotted to each candidate. Candidates must find out and occupy their allotted seats. If a candidate is found appearing in the Examination from a seat or room other than the allotted one, the candidature shall be cancelled. The candidate shall maintain the seat assigned to him/her for the duration of the Test.
- 11.8 No candidate shall be allowed to leave the test centre until the test is over.
- 11.9 No candidate shall be allowed to use toilet facilities until at-least one hour after the commencement of the test.
- 11.10 Candidates should not leave the examination hall without handing over the upper sheet of response form to the invigilator on duty.
- 11.11 The test shall start exactly on time and an announcement to that effect shall be made by the centre supervisory staff.
- 11.12 A signal shall be given at the beginning of the examination and at half-time. A signal shall also be given before the closing time when the candidates must stop marking the responses.
- 11.13 Attendance: The candidate must sign twice on the Attendance Sheet at the appropriate place, first time immediately after the commencement of examination and second time while handing over the upper colored sheet of response form and the first page of the question paper to the invigilator.
- 11.14 **Guidelines regarding Persons with Disabilities (PWD) wanting to use the services of scribe:**
- 11.14.1 The candidates, who are Visually Impaired (low vision) or Orthopedically Handicap (whose writing speed is adversely affected permanently by cerebral palsy with loco- motor impairment), having Disability Certificate issued by the National Commission for Rehabilitation of Special People of

Pakistan (NCRDP), Ministry of Social Welfare OR Provincial or District Social Welfare Department may use services of a scribe provided by the University during the examination. In all such cases where a scribe is used, the following rules will apply:

- i. The facility of scribe is meant for only those candidates as mentioned above and who have physical limitations to write or mark the answers.
- ii. The candidate will be provided scribe by the University at the time of examination.
- iii. A person acting as scribe for one candidate cannot be a scribe for another candidate.
- iv. No additional/compensatory time will be allowed to attempt the paper.

11.14.2 Please fill up the DECLARATION (**Annexure-I**) and submit the same along with Disability Certificate as a proof confirming that you are eligible for taking the services of a scribe along with your Admittance Card to the Controller of Examinations of the University through email (mdcat2022@uhs.edu.pk) by **8th November 2022 before 5:00 PM.**

12. Unfair Means Practices and Breach of Examination Rules

12.1 DEFINITION: Unfair means practice is an activity that allows a candidate to gain an unfair advantage over other candidates. It includes, but is not limited to:

- (i) Being in possession of any barred item as given at 12.2.
- (ii) Paying someone to write examination (impersonation) or prepare material for copying;
- (iii) Breaching examination rules or any direction issued by the University in connection with the conduct of MDCAT from time to time;
- (iv) Assisting other candidate to engage in malpractice, giving or receiving assistance directly or indirectly of any kind or attempting to do so;
- (v) Marking answers on any material other than the response form given by the Centre Superintendent for marking answers;
- (vi) Tearing of response form, the question paper etc.;
- (vii) Contacting or communicating or trying to do so with any person, other than the Examination Staff, during the examination time in the examination centre;

- (viii) Taking away the upper color sheet of response form out of the examination hall/room;
- (ix) Smuggling out question paper or its part or smuggling out response form or part thereof during the test;
- (x) Threatening any of the officials connected with the conduct of the examination or threatening any of the candidates;
- (xi) Using or attempting to use any other undesirable method or means in connection with the examination;
- (xii) Manipulation & fabrication of online documents viz. admittance card, application form, scanned certificates/documents, photograph, etc.;
- (xiii) Forceful entry/exit in/from Examination Centre/Hall or leaving the Centre/Hall without permission;
- (xiv) Affixing/uploading of fabricated photograph on the application form/admittance card;
- (xv) Erasing or obliterating any information printed on the response form;
- (xvi) Providing wrong information on the question paper and response form;
- (xvii) Creating obstacles in smooth and fair conduct of examination;
- (xviii) Exchanging your Question Paper or Response Form with some other candidate;
- (xix) Making fake claims by manipulating the responses in OMR response form or its carbon copy for challenge before or after declaration of result.
- (xx) Borrowing anything from other candidates during the test;
- (xxi) Failing to follow the instructions of the supervisory staff at all times;
- (xxii) Being in possession of fire-arms or drugs;
- (xxiii) Smoking in the examination hall;
- (xxiv) Erasing or obliterating any information printed on the Response Form;
- (xxv) Using or attempting to use any other undesirable method or means in connection with the examination such as influencing the staff with unfair means (e.g., bribe, gifts, threats, etc.) or canvassing directly or indirectly for gaining illegal benefit, etc.

12.2 BARRED ITEMS: The candidates are not allowed to carry the following items inside the examination centre under any circumstances. The candidates may be subjected to frisking before entering the examination centre:

- (i) Any stationery item like textual material (printed or written except the

Admittance Card and original CNIC/POC/JC/Passport/B-Form), bits of papers, Geometry/Pencil Box, Plastic Pouch, Calculator, Pen, Scale, Writing Pad, Pen Drives, Eraser, Calculator, Log Table, Electronic Pen/Scanner etc.;

- (ii) Any communication device like Mobile Phone, Bluetooth, Earphones, Microphone, Pager, Health Band etc.;
- (iii) Other items like Wallet, Goggles, Handbags, Cap etc.;
- (iv) Any Digital Watch/ Smart Wrist Watch, Bracelet, Camera, etc. (Analog watch is allowed);
- (v) Any eatable item opened or packed, juices, beverages, etc.;
- (vi) Any other item which could be used for unfair means, for hiding communication devices like camera, Bluetooth device etc.

12.3. No arrangement will be made at the centres for keeping any articles/items belonging to the candidates. In case any candidate is found in possession of any of the barred items inside the centre, it will be considered as use of unfair means and action will be taken against the candidate in accordance with the relevant provisions.

13. Punishment for Using Unfair Means Practice

13.1. During the course of examination, before or after the examination if a candidate is found indulged in any of the above or similar practices, he/she shall be deemed to have used unfair practices and booked under UNFAIRMEANS (U.F.M.) case. As per Regulation 9(10) of PMC Conduct of Examinations Regulation 2021, the examination of such person shall be cancelled and he/she shall be debarred from taking the MDCAT for **two (02) consecutive years**.

14. Responsibility of Parents/Guardians

14.1. It is expected from parents/guardians to guide their wards appropriately on all the aforementioned issues before leaving home for appearing in the MDCAT.

18.2. Due to COVID-19, the parent/guardians are requested not to gather outside the exam centres and maintain social distancing. Under Section 144 imposed by the Government, there shall be no arrangements for their stay outside the centre due to security reasons. They should drop their children at their respective centres and pick them up after the test.

15. Before Attempting the Test

- 15.1. A few minutes before the commencement of the test each candidate will be given a Response Form to mark his/her answers.
- 15.2. On receipt of the Response Form, the candidate will carefully read the instructions printed on it and accordingly fill his/her Roll Number, enter his/her particulars and put his/her signatures on the Response Form.
- 15.3. At 10:50 a.m., the Question Papers will be distributed. The first page of the Question Paper will contain important instructions for the candidates and the Question Paper ID. The candidates are advised to carefully read and strictly follow these instructions.
- 15.4. On receiving the Question Paper, the candidate is required to immediately enter his/her Roll Number and put his/her signatures on the Question Paper at the designated space only.
- 15.5. It shall be the sole responsibility of the candidate to check the question paper before attempting to answer any question. Where a question paper has any missing page, blank page, missed question or damaged or defaced page, it shall be the responsibility of the concerned candidate to bring it into the notice of the concerned invigilator and get it replaced by a new paper of the same code/ID immediately after the start of the test. The question paper must have 200 questions. No complaint in this regard shall be entertained after 30 minutes from the start of the test.

16. How to Fill Roll Number on the Response Form

- 16.1. The candidate shall fill his / her roll number on the Response Form in the following manner:

Blank Response Form

Roll No.						
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9

Examples of filling the roll numbers on Response Form

Roll No.						
0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9

Roll No.						
1	1	0	0	8	4	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9

Roll No.						
0	7	5	3	9	7	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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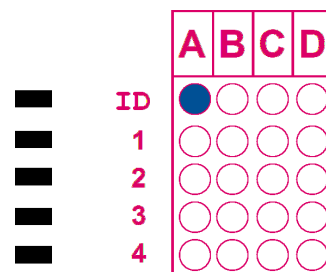
- 16.2. The candidates are advised to practice at home how to fill in their roll numbers on the Response Form so that there is no mistake at the time of the Test.

17. Response Form

- 17.1. The test is to be answered on a specialized, double-sheeted, pre-printed and bar-coded Response Form (Bubble Sheet).
- 17.2. The candidate shall answer the test by filling the circles on the upper colored sheet with a **blue ball point pen only**. The impression of the circle filled on the upper sheet will be automatically transferred to the lower carbonized sheet.
- 17.3. The candidate is NOT allowed to detach the two sheets of response form before the test is over.
- 17.4. Don't fold or tear the response form. Each candidate shall be issued only one response form.

18. How to Enter Your Question Paper ID

- 18.1. There shall be Question Paper with different codes/IDs in which the questions and their responses are shuffled.
- 18.2. The Question Paper code of each candidate is printed on the first page of his/her Question Paper Booklet.
- 18.3. The candidates are only required to fill the correct circle in the Response Form against the first row of circles marked as ID as indicated in the figure:
- 18.4. Failure to fill the ID properly as per the instructions shall lead to incorrect evaluation of the Response Form for which the University shall not be responsible.



19. Important Instructions for Marking the Responses

- 19.1 Response Form once issued shall not be changed on account of any mistake of the candidate.
- 19.2 Use blue ball point pen only to fill the appropriate circle on the Response Form.
- 19.3 Answers marked with pencil or marker would not be evaluated.
- 19.4 Marks should be dark and should completely fill the circle.
- 19.5 **Fill only one circle for each entry** as the answer once marked is not liable to be changed.
- 19.6 A lightly or faintly filled circle will be treated as a wrong method of marking and will be rejected by the Optical Mark Reader.

- 19.7 Make the marks only in the space provided.
- 19.8 The candidates must not mark answers on the Question Paper.
- 19.9 There will be four (04) responses for each of the question numbering 1 to 200 in the test. The candidate will indicate his / her response to the question by filling the appropriate circle completely with blue ball point pen. For example, if question number 1 in the question paper reads as follows:

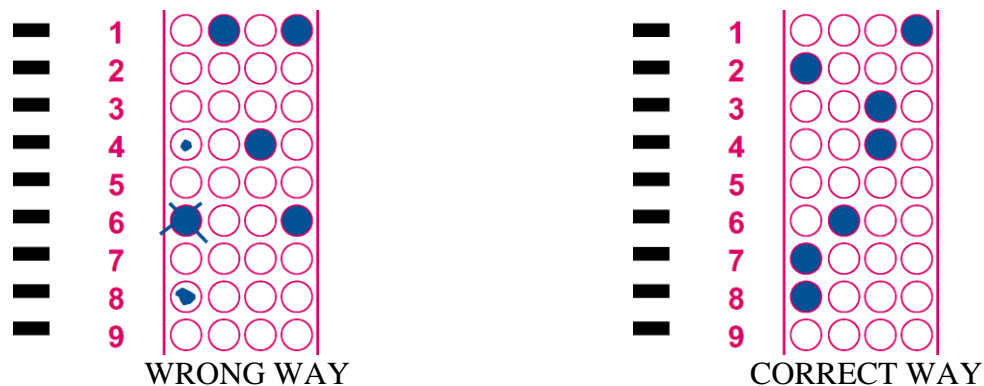
- Q.1 The branch of Biology which deals with the study of use of living organisms, systems and processes for the benefit of people is called
- A) Environmental Biology B) Biotechnology
- C) Social Biology D) Microbiology

The correct response to this question is (B). The candidate will locate Question Number 1 in the Response Form and fill the circle (B) as shown in the figure :

		A	B	C	D
■	ID	●	○	○	○
■	1	○	●	○	○
■	2	○	○	○	○
■	3	○	○	○	○
■	4	○	○	○	○
■	5	○	○	○	○
■	6	○	○	○	○
■	7	○	○	○	○
■	8	○	○	○	○
■	9	○	○	○	○
■	10	○	○	○	○
■	11	○	○	○	○
■	12	○	○	○	○
■	13	○	○	○	○
■	14	○	○	○	○

- 19.10 If the candidate does not want to attempt any question, he/she is advised not to fill any circle given against that question number.
- 19.11 The candidates must fully satisfy themselves about the accuracy of the answer before filling the appropriate circle. Use of eraser or white fluid on Response Form is **NOT** permissible as the Response Forms are machine readable and it may lead to wrong evaluation.

20. Wrong / Correct Way of Marking Answers



21. Scoring

- 21.1. Total marks of the Test are 200. Each question carries 01 mark. For each correct response the candidate will get 01 mark.
- 21.2. There shall be no negative marking in MDCAT-2022.
- 21.3. More than one answer indicated against a question will be deemed as incorrect response and no mark will be given. However, after the process of challenge of key, if more than one option is found to be correct then all/any one of the multiple correct/best options marked will be given one marks. Any incorrect option marked will not be given any mark. Unanswered/unattempted questions will be given no marks. In case, a question is dropped/ ignored, all candidates will be given one mark irrespective of the fact whether the question has been attempted or not attempted by the candidate.

22. Rough Work

- 22.1 Rough work must NOT be done on the Response Form. It should be done at the end of the Question Paper on the blank page(s) specifically provided for the rough work.

23. At the End of the Test

- 23.1. When the Superintendent says STOP, the candidates must stop writing and turn over their questions papers and response forms.
- 23.2. The candidate shall first return the upper, colored sheet of Response Form and then the first page of the Question Paper to the invigilation staff and take the lower, carbonized sheet as well as the question paper with him / her.

- 23.3. The candidates should remain seated till all the response forms and the first pages of the question papers have been collected from the candidates.
- 23.4. The candidates must ensure that they have returned the upper, colored part of the response form and the first page of the question paper to the invigilator. Failure to comply will lead to automatic disqualification of the candidate.

24. Answer Key and Self-Scoring

- 24.1 The University will provide the Answer Keys to the question papers of all the codes/IDs to the PMC for display on UHS and PMC websites on the same day after the test.
- 24.2 Once the keys are released, the candidates can calculate their score themselves on the carbonized copy of response form with the help of respective key.
- 24.3 The official result of the Test shall be provided by the University to the PMC within 5-7 days from the day of its conduct. The PMC will display the result on its website as a consolidated result of all the MDCATs conducted in different provinces/regions.

25. Rules regarding Complaints and Re-Checking

- 25.1 Should a candidate wish to query a particular question in the test, he/she should send an e-mail at mdcat2022@uhs.edu.pk by 6:00 p.m. on the test day. No complaint in this regard shall be entertained after that.
- 25.2 Candidates will be given an opportunity to submit representation against the OMR grading/Answer Key. The candidate having any complaint regarding the calculation of marks may submit an online application at mdcat2022@uhs.edu.pk within 05 days after the display of official result of the Test on PMC website. No complaint shall be entertained before or after that. In case of any discrepancy, the result will be updated on PMC website.
- 25.3 There is no provision for re-evaluation of the answer sheets. This is because of the following reasons:
- i. The OMRs are machine gradable which are being evaluated through specific software impartial to all.
 - ii. The candidates are given an opportunity to make the representation on the OMR gradation of their OMR sheets and also given an opportunity to challenge the answer key in case of any doubt.

No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.

- 25.4 It is NOT possible to give special consideration for impaired performance on the day of the test caused by illness or other unexpected personal situation. No complaint in this regard shall be entertained.

26. Result

- 26.1 The candidates shall be able to download their MDCAT results from the PMC website after the declaration.
- 26.2 As per PMC Notification dated 28th October 2022, the result of MDCAT will be accepted by all public/private sector medical and dental institutions of Pakistan for admission irrespective of the University or Centre in which the exam is taken.
- 26.3 The result of MDCAT may be utilized by other entities of Federal/Provincial Governments/ Autonomous Universities/Degree Awarding Institutes for admission purpose in accordance with their rules.

27. Validity of MDCAT Scores

- 27.1 As per Regulation 10(5) of PMC Conduct of Examinations Regulations 2021, MDCAT scores are valid for **two year**. The candidates who qualified/passed MDCAT-2021 can use their score for admission for the Session 2022-2023.

28. Number of Chances

- 28.1 There is no restriction whatsoever on the number of times a candidate may appear in the Test except for those who have been debarred from appearing in the test on resorting to any unfair/fraudulent means or cunning stratagem of impersonation.
- 28.2 For those who are unable to appear on the scheduled date of test for any reason, re-test shall not be held by the University under any circumstances.

29. Weeding out Rules

- 29.1 The record of MDCAT-2022 shall be preserved for 12 months from the date of declaration of result.

30. Legal Jurisdiction

- 30.1 The University shall be responsible for the conduct of the MDCAT-2022 in above referred 08 cities of Punjab. All disputes pertaining to the conduct of examination shall fall within the jurisdiction of Punjab only.

31. Important

31.1 It is expected that the candidates shall be sincere, honest and responsible in their activities pertaining to appearance in entrance examination and shall not adopt any unfair / fraudulent / cunning means in the examination. However, the candidates herein are sternly warned not to resort to any unfair /fraudulent means or cunning stratagem of impersonation. In case a candidate is found taking course to such acts / stratagem, he/she shall be debarred from appearing in the Test for a period of 02 consecutive years and criminal prosecution may also be initiated against such candidate.

OMR Response Form for MDCAT-2022



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Disclaimer: These FAQs are meant to serve merely as guidance and consequently have no legal merit. They can also be subject to amendments.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q.1 I have a domicile of Sindh/Balochistan/KPK. Can I appear in the MDCAT in Punjab?

Ans: Pakistan Medical Commission has registered candidates for MDCAT irrespective of domicile. Therefore, a candidate of other province/region can appear in Punjab. Admission in public sector colleges, however, shall be granted on the basis of domicile of respective province.

Q.2 Can I apply for admission to private sector medical/dental college of Sindh/KPK on the basis of UHS-MDCAT?

Ans: Yes, you can. As per PMC Policy Decision, MDCAT of one province/region is acceptable in other provinces/regions for admission purposes.

Q.3 Can I appear in UHS-MDCAT and NUMS –MDCAT at the same time?

Ans: Yes, you can. However, the scores of these two MDCATs shall be applicable to respective institutes only.

Q.4 When will MDCAT- 2022 exam be held?

Ans: MDCAT-2022 will be conducted on November 13, 2022.

Q.5 How many times MDCAT is held in a year?

Ans: MDCAT is conducted once in a year.

Q.6 What is the mode of the MDCAT- 2022 exam?

Ans: MDCAT-2022 exam shall be a pen-paper test. Candidates have to mark their responses in the OMR sheets.

Q.7 Are there any limits to attempt the MDCAT exam?

Ans: As per the PMC Regulations, there are no maximum limits on attempting the MDCAT exam.

Q.8 Who is the regulatory body for conduct of MDCAT?

Ans: Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) is the regulatory body for the conduct of the MDCAT. The test is conducted province/region-wise by a public sector medical university nominated as the Admitting University every year by the respective government.

Q.9 What is special about the MDCAT exam?

Ans: Qualifying MDCAT of respective province/region is mandatory for admission into public and private sector medical and dental colleges of that province/region.

Q.10 Can I forfeit my candidature once I paid the application fee? Will I get a refund?

Ans: No, you cannot forfeit your candidature. There is no option to do it. You will not get a refund if you don't appear for your exam.

Q.11 What is the marking scheme for the MDCAT-2022 exam?

Ans: Candidates will be allotted one mark for every right response. There shall be no mark for unanswered questions. Moreover, there will be no negative marking for incorrect answers.

Q.12 Are there any changes in the latest MDCAT-2022 exam pattern?

Ans: The MDCAT-2022 shall be conducted from PMC MDCAT Curriculum 2022 notified on 27th June 2022.

Q.13 How many questions will be there from each section in the MDCAT exam?

Ans: There are 68 questions from Biology, 54 Chemistry, 54 Physics, 18 English, and 6 questions will be of Logical Reasoning.

Q.14 Where can I get my MDCAT admittance card?

Ans: You can download your Admittance Card from UHS website with effect from 7th November 2022.

Q.15 What documents along with the admittance card should I carry?

Ans: Along with a print-out of your admittance card, you must carry your original CNIC/POC/JC/Passport/B-Form (Please bring the same document with which you registered for MDCAT-2022), two good quality blue ball point pens, a clean clip board, and a small bottle of drinking water.

Q.16 My particulars are incorrectly printed on the admittance card. What should I do?

Ans: If your particulars are wrongly printed on your admittance card, then you can contact the University through email at mdcat2022@uhs.edu.pk and PMC on their helpline (033-11-00-6191) and get it rectified.

Q.17 What to do if I misplaced my MDCAT admittance card?

Ans: Do not worry. If you have misplaced your MDCAT admittance card, you can again download your admittance card from the web link.

Q.18 What is the optimum time to reach the examination hall?

Ans: The MDCAT exam commences from 11:00 am onwards. Therefore, one can enter the exam hall two hours prior to the exam for making a hassle-free entry.

Q.19 Is there any dress code to be followed?

Ans: Male candidates are advised to wear light coloured T-shirts/shirts. There should be no fancy pockets, zips or big buttons in your clothing. Wear trousers and shoes. While for female candidates, wear light colours. Avoid elaborate prints, embroidery, zips, sleeves, brooches, and buttons. Wear sandals and slippers (low-heeled). They are advised not to wear any jewellery, belts, watches or any such accessories on the exam day.

Q.20 Can I take water bottle inside the examination hall?

Ans: Due to Covid-19, the candidates are advised to bring their own small 500 ml bottles of drinking water with them. However, any food items are not allowed inside the examination hall.

Q.21 Where can I check my MDCAT official result?

Ans: Once declared, candidates can visit the official website of PMC to check their MDCAT result. They will have to enter the relevant information as it appeared on their admittance card to access their results.

Q.22 Can I challenge the response against OMR grading as well as the answer key?

Ans: Yes, candidates can challenge the OMR grading and Answer Key within 05 days of the declaration of result. Once challenged, the responses will be verified by the University, if found correct, result shall undergo a revision. The final answer result will then be updated on the official website of PMC.

Q.23 Can I challenge a question that appeared in the exam?

Ans: Yes, you can. However, you can only challenge a question (e.g., out of course question, incorrect question or responses, etc.) before the official release of the Answer Key. The Answer Key is usually released in the evening of the same day when the test is conducted. You can send an e-mail to the University in this regard at mdcat2022@uhs.edu.pk by 06:00 pm on the test day. Your query/complaint regarding the question shall be considered by a committee of subject specialists and you will be informed of the decision of the committee.

Q.24 Does UHS offer any MDCAT prep resources?

Ans: No, UHS does not offer or endorse any MDCAT prep resources. The students are advised to prepare for the test from their respective textbooks.

Q.25 From where can I get full length practice tests of MDCAT?

Ans: No official source is available in this regard. However, you can search various websites on Google.

Q.26 What is the optimal score I need in MDCAT to get admission into a public/ private sector medical/dental college?

Ans: MDCAT is a competitive exam. You need a minimum of 55% marks to be eligible to apply for admission into a public or private sector medical college and minimum 45% marks to apply for a dental college. However, your admission shall depend upon your rank in the merit list. The better the rank, the better is your chance to get admission. Please note that qualifying MDCAT does not, in any way, guarantee your admission into a medical/dental college.

Q.27 I am unable to access my official result of MDCAT on PMC website. What should I do?

Ans: There may be different reasons for that. Your result might have been withheld by the University due to some discrepancy e.g., unfair means case, problem case, etc. In many cases, a candidate is unable to access his/her online result because he/she is entering incorrect information on the link. You will only be able to access your online result if you enter the same spellings of your and your father's name on the web link as you entered these in your online application form. Even then if the issue remains unresolved, please contact PMC for help.

Q.28 Can I use pointer/marker to fill bubbles on OMR response form?

Ans: No, you are required to fill the bubbles with a blue ball point pen only.

Q.29 Can I bring Domicile instead of CNIC/Passport/JC for the exam?

Ans: No, you must bring your original CNIC/POC/JC/Passport/B-Form with which you registered for the MDCAT..

Q.30 What are the most common mistakes candidates do in MDCAT?

Ans: *Cramming the night before* - This is likely to leave you feeling fatigued for test day. This is a competitive exam for which you have to study thoroughly. You must know that all the topics cannot be mastered in one night. It's therefore much better to get a good night's sleep, to be on top form for test day.

Skipping breakfast on exam day– Research shows that students who eat breakfast perform better in exams. For the best breakfast, include slow-release carbohydrates, such as whole-grain bread, as they provide slow-release energy. Add a protein food, such as milk, yoghurt or eggs, to keep you feeling full for longer. On exam day aim to include a portion of a food rich in long-chain Omega-3 fats, such as walnuts, as they are believed to have brain-boosting properties.

One of the best ways to maximize your focus is to stay hydrated. Even mild dehydration can lead to tiredness, headaches, reduced alertness and diminished concentration.

Take a bottle of water into the exam; a study of university students found that those who brought drinks, especially water, with them into the exam performed on average 5% better than those who didn't.

Not reading the question properly – This mistake can mean the difference between passing and failing the exam. Simple errors, such as missing the word “not”, will lead to incorrect multiple choice answers.

Obsessing over a certain question – There are likely to be tougher questions in each section that require more time to figure out. You should not fixate on these questions, but mark your answer, flag for review and move on. You can always come back to it if you have time left at the end. However, it's more important that you attempt more questions.

Being unfamiliar with the testing platform – There are still many students that sit the MDCAT exam without having taken MDCAT practice tests, which enables you to become familiar with all the features on the paper. It is also useful to familiarize yourself with the pattern of the questions – with practice comes speed!

Overcomplicating the question/response – The multiple-choice nature of the MDCAT exam, and poor guidance, often leads people to believe that the answer to a question is more complicated than is actually the case, again causing them to spend more time than necessary on a question.

Leaving questions blank– The MDCAT does not use negative marking anymore, so you will not lose marks for incorrect answers or leaving questions unanswered. In fact, leaving questions blank is one of the most common mistakes that test takers make on test day. Use intelligent guesswork for the questions you are not sure of the answers. Each guess you make gives you a chance of getting it right! Remember that each question is worth one mark. Unlike in other exams you have taken, you don't get more marks for questions that are more difficult.

Q.31 How important is a high MDCAT score?

Ans: Your MDCAT score will have a weightage of 50 per cent, along with your HSSC/FSc/Equivalent exam score having a weightage of 40 per cent and SSC/Equivalent exam score, a weightage of 10 per cent in your overall merit calculations. A high MDCAT score will ensure that you are submitting the best possible application and can really make you stand out from other candidates.

Q.32 How long does it take to prepare for MDCAT?

Ans: It depends. We recommend starting preparation as early as you can before your test date. This will allow you enough time to go through your books and learn the strategies and techniques essential to getting a high MDCAT score. Don't forget that you will get expert guidance from experienced teachers. Practice with test-like questions to become familiar with each question type, and practice your pacing with questions that take more time. Then build your stamina/endurance with full-length practice tests. Prepare your practice tests with the help of your teachers. These practice tests will help you to familiarize yourself with the testing format and layout, so you do not waste valuable testing time on finding different features of the test when it comes to the real exam. Preparation in a classroom is also highly recommended as teachers have students answer questions using only the time allowed on Test Day. And finally...Review the areas where you need the most improvement. Ideally, the preparation materials and books you are using will help to easily identify these areas, so any time remaining before the test is used for reviewing these.

Q.33 Do I also need to qualify MDCAT for admission to programs other than MBBS/BDS?

Ans: The MDCAT is primarily for admission to MBBS/BDS program. However, universities and colleges may use MDCAT scores for the purpose of admission to undergraduate programs. You are advised to have proper information from institutions concerned.

Q.34 How is MDCAT different from HSSC/A-levels?

Ans: The MDCAT is different from HSSC/ A-levels. It focuses on assessing your problem-solving skills and your ability to apply knowledge rather than your ability to simply recall knowledge that you have memorized. You will need to learn how to answer many questions quickly and correctly rather than a few done well. It is common not to be able to complete all the questions in the MDCAT. You must learn the skill of prioritization and knowing what questions to skip and come back to later and which ones to simply guess. The MDCAT is NOT negatively marked, but despite this, every year a significant proportion of candidates still leave answers blank. You will not revise in the typical way you have done so because admissions tests require learning strategies and techniques rather than cramming in knowledge like HSSC/A-level exam. In fact, the MDCAT only requires knowledge to HSSC/GCSE level which candidates are expected to possess already.

Annexure-I**SCRIBE DECLARATION FORM**

I, the undersigned, Mr/Ms _____
 eligible candidate for MDCAT-2022, to be held on 13th November, 2022, (Centre _____
 _____), do hereby declare that:

- i. I am visually impaired or affected by cerebral palsy with locomotor impairment, my writing speed is adversely affected permanently and I need a writer (scribe) as permissible under the MDCAT rules.
- ii. I hereby declare that all the above statement made by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also understand that in case it is detected at any stage of admission that I do not fulfill the eligibility norms and/or that the information furnished by me is incorrect/false or that I have suppressed any material fact(s), my candidature will stand cancelled, irrespective of the result of the MDCAT. If any of these shortcomings is/are detected even after the admission, my admission is liable to be terminated. Given under my signature:-

For office use:

Name of Scribe: _____

Signature of the Scribe: _____

Postal address: _____

Phone No: _____

Mobile No.: _____

Name of Candidate _____

Signature of the Candidate _____

Roll No.: _____

Postal address: _____

Phone No: _____

Mobile No.: _____

Photo of the
Candidate

**Name & Signature of
Centre Superintendent**

**Name & Signature of
Centre Courier**