

SAQ 25 (Graeme Thomson)

Q1.

To pass:

For the 4 categories of causes of PPH; Tone plus 2 of the 3 others (Trauma, Tissue, Thrombin).

Then 2 examples for each of those, giving 6/8 examples.

I allowed 5/8 if the categories were correct.

Better answer:

All 4 categories with 2 examples from each. There are many examples to choose from.

Q2.

To pass:

An oxytocic plus 4 other steps that could reasonably be expected to reduce bleeding in ED.

I discounted multiple similar steps, like multiple oxytocic drugs.

Better answer:

6 steps, especially the most important ones (deliver remaining placental tissue, massage uterus, oxytocic, empty bladder, control bleeding point, replace clotting factors).

Q3.

To pass:

Escalation to an O&G consultant.

Better answer:

To include continuing resuscitation of the patient.

Altogether there were 16 points that I wanted for a top answer (8 in Q1, 6 in Q2 and 2 in Q3).

To get a 5, a candidate needed to get around 11 points but scores varied up and down if the most important points were included or missed.