Rules for taking an online Board Exam Neurology

1-The examinee had to use a computer (laptop/desktop) that met the requirements of the ZOOM software and was equipped with webcam and microphone. The examinee was responsible for ensuring that they were able to open the programs they needed during the examination.

System requirements are the following:

1.1-CPU: Intel i3 OR similar

1.2-RAM: 8gb

1.3-Windows 10

-Google Chrome 87+ / Microsoft Edge (Chromium) 87+

1.4-Mac OS

-Safari 14 +

- 1.5-Stable internet connection. Examinees <u>should prefer wired connections</u> or be close to a WIFI access point. Examinees should quit any other program, except the browser, during the exam period.
- **2-The examinee's webcam and microphone were enabled during the entire examination.** There were no exceptions to this rule and disabling the camera or microphone would be considered fraud and invalidate the exam.
- **3-Candidates established their identity by using an acceptable identification (ID) at the start of the online examination**. Candidates were not permitted to participate in the exam if they did not bring an acceptable ID card or if the first and last name on the ID card did not exactly match with the name on the registration.
- 3.1-The EBN considers acceptable identification to be a government-issued document (passport or a national/state/country identification card) recognized by the country in which the candidate is a citizen or permanent resident. Candidates may alternatively use a government-issued driving license, provided their full name and photo remain clearly visible. Other documents/cards are considered unacceptable.
- 3.2-The candidate's first and last name on the ID card must be written in Latin (Roman) script and match exactly the name used on the application when registering for the EBN exam.
- 3.3-The ID card must be original and may not be presented on a cell phone or other electronic device. Photocopies are not acceptable as an ID card.
- 3.4-An expired ID card is not acceptable.

4-The exam was carried out in a room with the following characteristics:

4.1-The lighting in the room must be bright enough to be considered as "daylight". Preference is given to overhead lighting. If that is not available, the light source must not be placed behind the student.

- 4.2-The student must be alone in the room. The visualization of other persons in the room through the webcam is suspected of fraud and may invalidate the exam.
- 4.3-The room must be as quiet as possible.
- 4.4-Electronic devices are forbidden during the whole exam.
- 5-The examinee agreed that the exam place can be explored using the computer camera at any time during the exam at the request of the examiner.
- 6-Use of other electronic devices, mobile phones, smart watches in the exam room was forbidden.
- 6.1-The examinee was not allowed to use any headphones, ear buds, or any other type of listening equipment.
- 6.2-Any communication with external persons would have been considered as fraud and would have led to cancellation of the exam.

7-Behaviour during the examination had to comply with the following basic rules:

- 7.1-Examinees are not allowed to leave the examination room until the examination is finished. There are no exceptions to this rule and anyone who leaves the examination room will be excluded from it. During the online examination.
- 7.2-Examinees should be dressed as if he/she is in a public place.
- 7.3-Examinee's face, including the ears, must be always in the field of vision of the webcam during the exam.
- 7.4-Disconnection of the examination system due to network problems will be considered fraud. The student must ensure that their internet connection is adequate.
- 7.5-Examinees must not smoke, eat, or drink while taking the exam.
- 7.6-It is not allowed to speak during the written exam and not to read the questions loud.

Violation of these rules may lead to cancellation of the whole exam.