

## ABAT exam Table of Specifications

### Specifications for the Short Answer Questions

Topic	Number of Questions
Drugs	40
Chemicals	35
Environmental/Occupational	15
Theory (eg: toxicokinetics, interactions, laboratory)	10
Biologicals	15
General (eg: antidotes, history)	10
TOTAL	125

The questions will measure the candidate's ability to recall certain general facts about specific agents within the above categories. More importantly, the candidate will apply this basic factual knowledge to make clinical decisions presented within the framework of the questions.

### Specifications for the Problem Solving Section

Topic	Number of Questions
Clinically oriented problems	3
Literature evaluation	1

The clinically-oriented problem solving cases (3) are geared to assess the ability of the candidate to assess a patient scenario provided in a time layered pattern (with no regression to an earlier section), providing a diagnostic, stabilization, and therapeutic plan to work

the problem through to resolution. A second type of problem (1) will assess a more non-clinical role in addressing a forced literature evaluation [11-28-07]