

2026-2027 Cardiology Credentials Questions Grading Rubric

	1 (Unacceptable)	2 (Below Average)	3 (Average)	4 (Above average)	5 (Outstanding)	Total Contribution
Depth and breadth of knowledge	Candidate lacks proficiency as evidenced by gross and egregious errors in the correctness of the credential material.	Candidate displays a deficiency in knowledge, insight or understanding expected of a resident completing their training program	Candidate displays a level of knowledge, insight, or understanding that is typical for a resident completing their training program.	Candidate displays a level of knowledge, insight, or understanding that is above average for residents completing their training program.	Candidate displays a level of knowledge, insight, or understanding that is unique and exceptional for a resident completing their training program.	5 points
Coherence	Candidate's written presentation lacks relevance, organization, structure, flow, and thoughts are disjointed.	Candidate's written presentation is relevant but lacks organization, structure, flow and thoughts are disjointed.	Candidate's written presentation is relevant and mostly easy to follow. Structure and thoughts need improvement.	Candidate's written presentation is relevant and easy to follow with good structure, but thoughts need improvement.	Candidate's written presentation is clear and easy to follow, has logical flow of thought, is relevant, and well thought out.	4 points
Quality and range of references	References are not relevant or current. The number of sources is inadequate.	The number of sources is adequate. Improvement is needed on reference relevancy and being current.	References are relevant and current. Improvement is needed on the number of sources.	References are relevant, current, and the number of sources is adequate.	References are relevant, current, and the number of sources is adequate. The quality/diversity of sources is exceptional.	3 points
Formatting and/or quality of graphics	Candidate's written responses and/or graphics are incorrectly formatted and are inadequate/excessive in length.	Candidate's written responses and/or graphics are incorrectly formatted but are adequate in length.	Candidate's written responses and/or graphics are correctly formatted but are inadequate/excessive in length.	Candidate's written responses and/or graphics are correctly formatted and are adequate in length.	Candidate's written responses and/or graphics are correctly formatted and are adequate in length. Formatting and/or graphics enhance readability.	2 points
Grammar and Spelling	Candidate's written responses contain numerous grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors. Language contains jargon.	Candidate's written responses contain few grammatical, punctuation, and/or spelling errors. Language lacks clarity.	Candidate's written responses follow the rules of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Language lacks clarity.	Candidate's written responses follow the rules of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Language is clear and precise.	Candidate's written responses follow the rules of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Language is clear and precise. Sentences display strong and varied structure.	1 point
Final Score	3/15	6/15	9/15	12/15	15/15	15 points