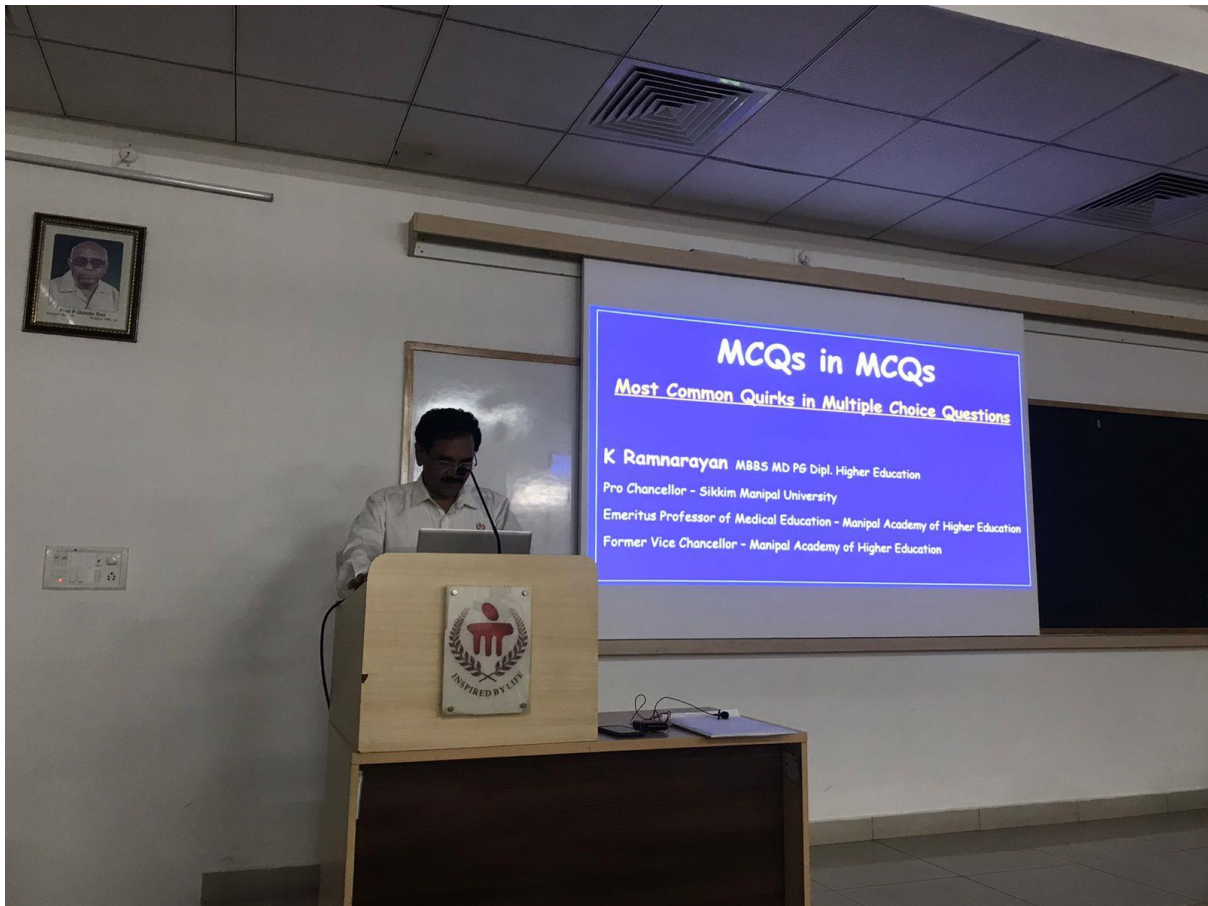
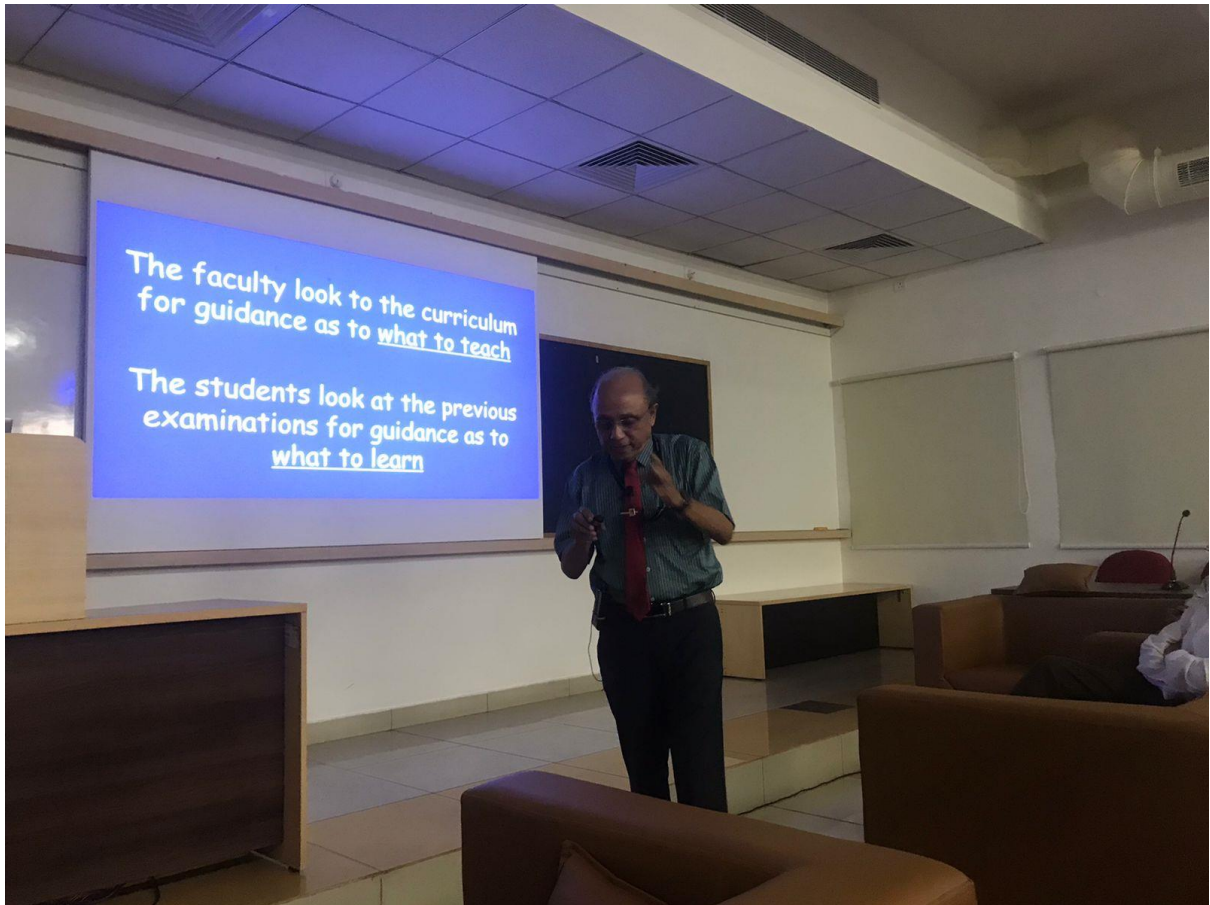


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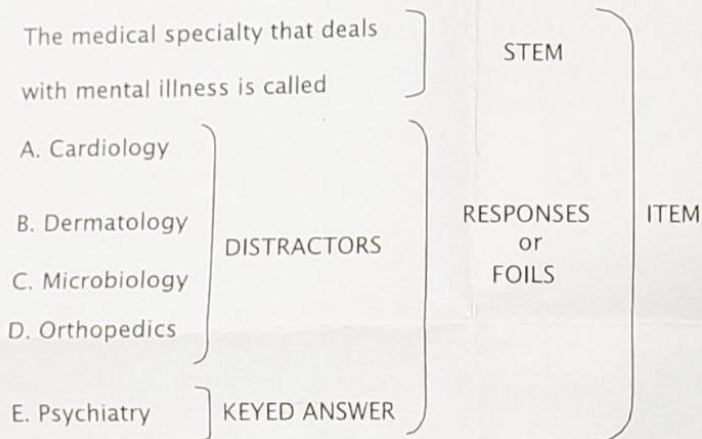




The Multiple-Choice Question: Single Best Response (MCQ A Type)

The Single Best Response MCQ or One Best Answer MCQ or A Type MCQ is an incomplete statement followed by 4 or 5 possible completions of the statement. The MCQ can also be written as a question followed by 4 or 5 possible answers to the question.

The statement or question part is called the STEM. The possible completions or answers are called RESPONSES or FOILS. The RESPONSES (or FOILS) are divided into the KEYED ANSWER (correct or best response) and the DISTRACTORS (incorrect or non-best responses).



THE SINGLE BEST RESPONSE TYPE MCQ

DIRECTIONS:

✕ Encircle the alphabet corresponding to the SINGLE BEST RESPONSE.

- The medical specialty that deals with mental illness is
 - Cardiology
 - Dermatology
 - Microbiology
 - Orthopedics
 - Psychiatry
- In which state of India is Manipal located?
 - Andhra Pradesh
 - Bihar
 - Karnataka
 - Kerala
 - Orissa.

CHECKLIST for REVIEWING MCQ Items: Single Best Response

Sl. No	Questions	YES	NO
1	Are the instructions for answering very clear and informed beforehand?		
2	Is the item written in conformity with the standard format? [Responses preceded by alphabets A, B, C, D (not 1, 2, 3, 4) and no fill- in- the- blank in the stem]		
3	Does the stem present a RELEVANT, single clearly formulated problem which is stated as a question or incomplete statement?		
4	Does the stem contain as much of the wording as possible? If there are recurring words in all the responses, have these been included in the stem?		
5	Is the stem devoid of 'window dressing' (unnecessary information/content)?		
6	If negative (except/not) is used in the stem, is that <u>underlined</u> , CAPITALIZED or in bold letters?		
7	Is the keyed answer (single best answer) the only possible correct answer?		
8	Have inadvertent clues (length of response, grammatical hint, illogically placed response) to guess the correct answer been avoided?		
9	Has 'All of the above' been avoided or used judiciously?		
10	Has 'None of the above' been avoided or used judiciously?		

If your answer is 'YES' to these 10 questions, you probably have an ACCEPTABLE item.

