SUMMARY CHART GUIDELINES Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Canada Examination		
Competency framework categories and weightings	Therapeutic Relationships/Therapeutic Use of Body of Knowledge and Application Collaborative Practice Advocacy Quality Care and Client Safety Health Promotion Ethical, Professional and Legal Responsibilities	30-40% 5-10% 5-10% 10-15% 5-10%
STRUCTURAL VARIABLES	3	
Examination length and format	Total: 200 multiple-choice questions	
Item presentation		60-80% 20-40%
Cognitive level	Application:	Maximum of 15% Minimum of 50% Minimum of 35%
CONTEXTUAL VARIABLES	S	
Patient age	Examination questions will reflect health situations across the lifespan and includes all genders.	
Culture	Questions measure awareness, sensitivity and respect for different cultural values, beliefs and practices, without introducing stereotypes.	
Diversity	In the development of the RPNCE, the client is viewed holistically. Registered Psychiatric Nurses practise in a variety of settings, in situations of health and illness, and with diverse populations of individuals, families, groups and communities.	
Work environment	For the purposes of this exam, the health-care environment is specified only when it is required for clarity or in order to provide guidance to the examinee.	