SECTION 1
DEMOGRAPHICS
It included 12 items, which were statements with YES/NO responses and SHORT ANSWER questions covering basic demographic information and general data about the participants’ smoking training history and work experience.

SECTION 2a
KNOWLEDGE
It included 24 items (part 1), which were statements with TRUE/FALSE responses and 8 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (part 2) pertaining to brief clinical cases and pharmacotherapeutic questions. This section covered basic epidemiologic, pharmacologic and therapeutic aspects of smoking/smoking cessation.

SECTION 3b
ATTITUDES
It included 18 items, which were statements with YES/NO responses that assessed the respondents’ attitudes toward smoking, smoking cessation practices and the corresponding role of healthcare professionals.

SECTION 4
SMOKING HISTORY
It included 16 items, which were statements with YES/NO responses and SHORT ANSWER questions about the respondents’ present and past personal smoking status.

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a Section 2 had a total possible score of 32 points (24 points from part 1 and 8 points for the correct answer choice for part 2).
b Section 3 had a total score of 18 points (allocated for choosing “yes” or “no” for appropriate attitudes).