

WRITING SUB-TEST – TEST BOOKLET

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You must write your answer for the Writing sub-test in the **Writing Answer Booklet**.

You must **NOT** remove OET material from the test room.

Occupational English Test

WRITING SUB-TEST: MEDICINE

TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES

WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes and complete the writing task which follows.

Notes:

Assume that today's date is 18 June 2018

You are a practitioner examining a 45-year old female patient, Ms Anne Hall.

PATIENT DETAILS:

Name: Anne Hall (Ms)

DOB: 19 Sep 1972

Height: 163cm Weight: 75kg BMI: 28.2 (overweight 18/6/18)

Social History: Teacher (Secondary – History, English)
Divorced, 2 children at home (born 2002, 2004)
Non-smoker (since children born)
Social drinker – mainly spirits

Substance Intake:

Nil

Allergies: Codeine; dust mites; sulphur dioxide

Family history: Mother – hypertension; asthmatic; Father – peptic ulcer
Maternal grandmother – died heart attack, aged 80
Maternal grandfather – died asthma attack
Paternal grandmother – unknown
Paternal grandfather – died 'old age' 94

Previous medical history:

Childhood asthma; chickenpox; measles
1983 tonsillectomy
1990 hepatitis A (whole family infected) 1992 sebaceous cyst removed
1995 whiplash injury
2006 depression (separation from husband); SSRI – fluoxetine 11 mths
2008 overweight – sought weight reduction
2010 URTI (Upper Respiratory Tract Infection)
2012 dyspepsia
2014 dermatitis; prescribed oral & topical corticosteroids

18 Jun 2018 Presenting complaint: dysphagia (solids), onset 2 weeks ago post-viral (?) URTI
URTIs self-medicated with OTC (over-the-counter) Chinese herbal product - contents unknown
No relapse/remittent course
No sensation of lump No obvious anxiety
Concomitant epigastric pain radiating to back, level T12 Weight loss: 1-2kg
Recent increase in coffee consumption
Takes aspirin occasionally (2-3 times/month); no other NSAIDs

Provisional diagnosis: gastro-oesophageal reflux +/- stricture

Plan: Refer gastroenterologist for opinion and endoscopy if required
↓ coffee/alcohol intake
Cease OTC product
Pantoprazole 40mg daily

Writing Task:

Using the information in the case notes, write a letter of referral for further investigation and definitive diagnosis to the gastroenterologist, Dr Jason Roberts, at Newtown Hospital, 111 High Street, Newtown.

In your answer:

- **Expand the relevant notes into complete sentences**
- **Do not use note form**
- **Use letter format**

The body of the letter should be approximately 180–200 words.

Any answers recorded here will not be marked.

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Occupational English Test**WRITING SUB-TEST: MEDICINE****SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER OF REFERRAL**

Dr Jason Roberts
Newtown Hospital
111 High Street
Newtown

18 June 2018

Dear Dr Roberts,

Re: Ms Anne Hall, DOB 19.9.1972

Thank you for seeing Ms Hall, a 45-year-old secondary school teacher, who presented today with a two-week history of gastro-oesophageal reflux with possible stricture. I am referring Ms Hall to you for further investigation and an endoscopy if required.

Ms Hall's symptoms follow a constant course and include dysphagia for solids, epigastric pain radiating posteriorly to T12 level, and concomitant 1-2kg weight loss. The problem commenced after an upper respiratory tract infection two weeks ago for which she self-prescribed an over-the-counter Chinese herbal product with unknown ingredients. There are no apparent signs of anxiety, and no sensation of a lump.

Ms Hall has recently increased her coffee consumption and takes aspirin 2-3 times a month. She has a history of dyspepsia (2012), and dermatitis for which she was prescribed oral and topical cortisone. She ceased smoking 15 years ago. She drinks socially (mainly spirits), has a family history of peptic ulcer disease and is allergic to codeine. Her BMI is currently 28.2.

I have recommended that Ms Hall reduces her coffee and alcohol intake and immediately stops taking the over-the-counter product. In addition, I have prescribed Pantoprazole 40mg daily.

I would be grateful if you could provide Ms Hall with a definitive diagnosis. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Doctor