

## 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: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**  
**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 10 February 2019**

You are an occupational therapist working on an orthopaedic ward in an acute hospital. The following client, who was admitted five weeks ago, is due to be discharged to a rehabilitation centre tomorrow.

#### **PATIENT DETAILS:**

**Name:** Jack Spencer (Mr)  
**DOB:** 10 Oct 1951  
**Address:** 234 High Street, Oldmeadows

#### **Medical Presentation:**

Presented at casualty w. neighbour 5 weeks ago:  
Admitted to hospital with L fractured humerus & olecranon process following fall at home. Surgery completed on olecranon process, screw inserted 4 wks ago. Plaster fitted.

#### **Past Medical History:**

Rheumatoid arthritis bilaterally in hands  
Fractured femur 2004  
Tonsillectomy 1960

#### **Social History:**

Resides in own home alone  
Wife died 4 yrs ago  
4 independent children (live in other states) 8 grandchildren  
Retired carpenter  
Receives pension from superannuation

#### **Hobbies and Interests:**

Plays bowls 2x wkly  
Involved in local community club Enjoys outings w. friends Gardening  
Enjoys radio, TV

#### **Therapy:**

Under surgeon's recommendation: Pt not to mobilise L arm until last wk when plaster removed.  
Daily therapy approx. 20 mins to mobilise arm within pain limits, over past wk. Motivated to be independent again.

**Activities of Daily Living:**

- Dressing: difficult - particularly buttons. Previously independent.
- Showering: minimal assistance w. bathing & drying. Previously independent.  
Has bath only.
- Grooming: Assistance required - combing hair/shaving
- Cooking: yet to be assessed. Previously cooked all meals.
- Cleaning: not assessed. Previously received home help for all cleaning.
- Banking: not assessed. Previously independent.
- Shopping: not assessed. Previously independent.
- Driving: has driver's licence. Previously drove manual transmission car.

**Writing Task:**

Using the information given in the case notes, write a letter to the Occupational Therapist at the Oldmeadows Extended Care Centre, 13 River Street, Oldmeadows, where Mr Spencer is to be discharged, detailing his treatment to date and other information the therapist may need.

**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: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER**

Occupational Therapist  
Oldmeadows Extended Care Centre  
13 River Street  
Oldmeadows

10 February 2019

Dear Occupational Therapist,

Re: Mr Jack Spencer. DOB: 10/10/51

Mr Spencer has been a patient at this hospital for the past five weeks and will be discharged tomorrow. He requires your ongoing support and treatment during his rehabilitation.

Mr Spencer had a fall at his home and sustained a fracture to the left humerus and olecranon process. Surgery was completed four weeks ago and under the surgeon's instructions, Mr Spencer had had to keep his limb immobile until the plaster was removed last week. Since then, upper limb therapy has involved mobilisation of the limb within pain limits for approximately twenty minutes every day.

Currently Mr Spencer is having difficulty dressing independently, particularly in managing buttons. He requires minimal assistance with bathing and drying, however, shaving and combing his hair are more of a challenge. His ability to continue to complete cooking, driving, banking and shopping has not yet been assessed, however, he writes with his left hand and drove a manual car before the fall.

Prior to this injury, he received home help for all house cleaning tasks and was independent in all personal care and community tasks. He is keen to return home where he lives alone and maintain his independence.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Occupational Therapist