

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: RADIOGRAPHY

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 30 August 2019

You are a radiographer at Meeden Heights Public Hospital. Today you had to cancel an X-ray for Mr Jenkins, a male psychiatric patient, who was accompanied by Mrs Caroline Finn (a psychiatric nurse from Newtown Psychiatric Care Centre).

PATIENT DETAILS:

Name: Mr Brad Jenkins

DOB: 05 Jun 1972 (47 y.o)

Address: Newtown Psychiatric Care Centre, 555 Main Street, Newtown

Date: 30 Aug 2019

Request from: Dr Lucy Canning (psychiatric doctor, Newtown Psychiatric Care Centre)

Exam required: X-ray ribcage

Reason for procedure:

Severe bruising on ribs, ?broken ribs

Medical history: Borderline personality disorder

Recent history: Sustained injury while in psychiatric care – incited violent physical incident with a fellow in-patient earlier this morning

Radiography Notes:

2:10pm Request for X-ray – Pt Brad Jenkins

Pt not happy to be X-rayed, presents with Mrs Finn (psychiatric nurse)

Mrs Finn requests to be in attendance, reports Pt history of aggressive behaviour

Advised Mrs Finn must:

- be covered with lead apron & thyroid collar
- stand behind screen during exposure/stay as far from the primary beam as possible

- 2:20pm** Chief Radiographer (Mrs Hilda Vickers) alerted to situation, requires the following before proceeding with X-ray:
- Pt not to be left alone with a single staff member
 - 1 radiographer and 1 non-radiation worker (e.g., an orderly) to be present in X-ray room before X-rays can be conducted on Pt
 - If non-radiation worker unavailable, a staff member from another ward can assist in X-ray
- Orderly asked to assist as non-radiation worker
- 2:25pm** Urgent pager from surgeon (Dr Andrew Phillips) requests immediate assistance with an image intensifier procedure in the operating theatre
- Orderly can no longer assist X-ray – to assist with image intensifier procedure instead
- No other staff available to assist immediately – wait is approx 1hr
- X-ray for Mr Jenkins delayed
- 2:30pm** Pt and Mrs Finn notified of delay
- Mr Jenkins aggressive, angry at postponement – threw chair in waiting room
- Security called
- Mrs Finn advises X-ray be postponed until tomorrow to allow Pt time to calm down
- Letter to radiographer-on-duty tomorrow: recommend exercise caution, follow Chief Radiographer's instructions, ensure security present during examination

Writing Task:

Using the above information, write a letter to the radiographer, Ms French, who will be on duty tomorrow to conduct the X-ray on Mr Jenkins, to advise her of the patient's history and precautions needed. Address the letter to Ms Sandy French, Staff Radiographer, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Meeden Heights Public Hospital.

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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WRITING SUB-TEST: RADIOGRAPHY SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER

Ms Sandy French
Staff Radiographer
Department of Diagnostic Radiology
Meeden Heights Public Hospital

30 August 2019

Dear Ms French

I am writing to provide you with important information about Mr Brad Jenkins, who is scheduled for an X-ray of the ribcage tomorrow. Mr Jenkins is a 47-year-old psychiatric patient with a history of aggressive behaviour, therefore his X-ray should be conducted with caution. Mrs Finn, a psychiatric nurse, will accompany him to the X-ray tomorrow.

The Chief Radiographer, Mrs Hilda Vickers, has instructed that the patient not be left alone with a single staff member and that both a radiographer and a non-radiation worker be present in the X-ray room for the procedure. If a non-radiation worker is unavailable, a staff member from another ward can be called upon to assist with the X-ray.

The X-ray, originally scheduled for today, was delayed when the orderly in attendance was called away to assist with an urgent image intensifier procedure. When told of the delay (anticipated one hour), Mr Jenkins became angry and threw a chair in the waiting room. Security was called. Mr Jenkins also caused a violent incident earlier today at his Care Centre, which was the cause of the injury to his ribs.

Please ensure care is taken when X-raying this patient and that security is present.

Yours sincerely

Radiographer