

Writing sub-test

Medicine

Sample Test

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Candidate number

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Family name

Other name(s)

City

Date of test

Candidate's signature

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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:

Patient: Anne Hall (Ms)

DOB: 19.9.1965

Height: 163cm Weight: 75kg BMI: 28.2 (18/6/10)

Social History: Teacher (Secondary – History, English)

Divorced, 2 children at home (born 1994, 1996)

Non-smoker (since children born)

Social drinker – mainly spirits

Substance Intake: Nil

Allergies: Codeine; dust mites; sulphur dioxide

FHx: 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

PMHx: Childhood asthma; chickenpox; measles

1975 tonsillectomy

1982 hepatitis A (whole family infected)

1984 sebaceous cyst removed

1987 whiplash injury

1998 depression (separation from husband); SSRI – fluoxetine 11/12

2000 overweight – sought weight reduction

2002 URTI

2004 dyspepsia

2006 dermatitis; Rx oral & topical corticosteroids

18/6/10

PC: dysphagia (solids), onset 2/52 ago post viral(?) URTI

URTIs self-medicated with OTC 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

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.

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SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER

Dr Jason Roberts
Newtown Hospital
111 High Street
Newtown

(Today's date)

Dear Dr Roberts

Re: Ms Anne Hall, DOB 19.9.1965

Thank you for seeing Ms Hall, a 44-year-old secondary school teacher, who is presenting with a two-week history of symptoms of dysphagia for solids, epigastric pain radiating posteriorly to T12 level, and concomitant weight loss. The symptoms follow a constant course.

Ms Hall believes 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. However, she has also recently increased her coffee consumption and takes aspirin 2-3 times a month. She has a history of dyspepsia (2004), and dermatitis for which she was prescribed oral and topical cortisone. There are no apparent signs of anxiety. She has not smoked for the last 15 years. She drinks socially (mainly spirits), has a family history of peptic ulcer disease and is allergic to codeine. Her BMI is currently 28.2.

My provisional diagnosis at this point is gastro-oesophageal reflux with possible stricture. I am therefore referring Ms Hall to you for further investigation.

Thank you for assessment and ongoing management of this woman. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Doctor