

WRITING SUB-TEST

Occupational English Test

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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 May 2022

You are a practitioner examining a 45-year old female patient, Ms Jamie Joyce.

PATIENT DETAILS:

Name: Jamie Joyce (Ms)

DOB: 19 Sep 1977

Details:

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

Social History:

Teacher (Secondary – History, English)

Divorced, 2 children at home (born 2008, 2010)

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
1985 tonsillectomy
1992 hepatitis A (whole family infected)
1994 sebaceous cyst removed
1997 whiplash injury
2008 depression (separation from husband); SSRI – fluoxetine 11 mths
2010 overweight – sought weight reduction
2012 URTI (Upper Respiratory Tract Infection)
2014 dyspepsia
2016 dermatitis; prescribed oral & topical corticosteroids

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Presenting complaint: dysphagia (solids), onset 2 weeks ago post-viral (?) URTI
URTI 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
Decrease 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 Thor Odinson, at Saragasso Hospital, 007 The One Street, Saragasso.

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.