

Practice Mock Medicine Writing Test for Cracking OET in One Shot

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: Aleena Jerome (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 Alex James, 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.