

## 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: 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 30 August 2019.**

You are a doctor in a city clinic. Mr Knowles is a new patient in your surgery.

#### **PATIENT DETAILS:**

**Name:** Mr Adam Knowles

**DOB:** 22 Aug 1951 (age 68)

#### **Social background:**

Married, two grown-up children

Recently retired management consultant

Physically active, plays tennis/walks dog

Non-smoker for past 10 years

Social drinker

**Family history:** Nil significant

#### **Medical background:**

Severe childhood eczema

2008: gall bladder removed due to gallstones

History of depression past 4 years

**Medication:** 2016: started SSRI (fluoxetine)

#### **02 Aug 2019**

**Discussion:** Heartburn/indigestion – OTC antacids – ineffective  
Pt concerned ?hernia

**Objective exam:** Full exam performed: NAD

Wt: 94kg

Omeprazole PPI 20 mg 2x/day for 8wks

Ordered FBC and liver function test

Review 4 wks

**30 Aug 2019** No improvement in reflux symptoms  
Pt's main concern is now back pain  
New symptoms: diarrhoea, pale stools, abdominal pain on eating, fatigue  
Wt ↓2kg since last appointment (now 92kg)  
Abdomen tender on palpation, slightly swollen  
Yellow discolouration skin and eyes

**Pathology report:**

Bilirubin 9mg/dL (high)  
Amylase 400 u/L (high)  
ALT 60 u/L (slightly high)  
Albumin 6 g/dL (high)  
Alkaline phosphatase 120 u/L (slightly high)

**Discussion:** Discussion of examination findings and blood results with Pt

**Plan:** Urgent referral to gastroenterologist for assessment and endoscopy  
?Pancreatic malignancy – patient aware of possibility

### **Writing Task:**

Using the information given in the case notes, write a letter of referral to Dr Desai, a gastroenterologist at City Hospital, for assessment of Mr Knowles. Address the letter to Dr Dev Desai, Gastroenterologist, City Hospital, Easton.

**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: MEDICINE****SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER OF REFERRAL**

Dr Dev Desai  
Gastroenterologist  
City Hospital  
Easton

30 August 2019

Dear Dr Desai

Re: Mr Adam Knowles  
DOB: 22/08/1951

Thank you for seeing Mr Knowles, a 68-year-old retired management consultant, who requires urgent investigation of his upper GI symptoms.

Mr Knowles has lost 2kg over the last four weeks and his abdomen is slightly swollen and tender. His eyes and skin show signs of jaundice. His blood tests showed deranged liver function with raised bilirubin and enzymes. His amylase was also raised at 400u/L.

He first presented to me a month ago complaining of new-onset indigestion, which had not resolved despite him self-medicating with antacids. I prescribed a proton pump inhibitor (omeprazole 20mg twice daily) and asked to see him in 4 weeks' time. Today he reports having developed back pain and diarrhoea, pale stools, abdominal pain on eating, and fatigue. His indigestion has not improved.

Mr Knowles is usually fit and well and is a non-smoker. His past medical history includes a cholecystectomy in 2008 for gallstones. He drinks socially.

I would be grateful if you could see Mr Knowles at your earliest convenience for an endoscopy and assessment as I am concerned about the possibility of pancreatic cancer. I have discussed this possibility with Mr Knowles.

Yours sincerely

Doctor