

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 **15 May 2021**. You have been Ms Bennet's GP for two years and have been treating her recently following her hospitalisation for cardiac problems.

PATIENT DETAILS:

Name: Eleanor Bennet
DOB: 06 Dec 1975 (45 y.o.)
Address: 32 Station Road, Oakville

Social background:

Commercial lawyer – frequent international travel
Divorced – 2 daughters (18 & 16 y.o.)
Children live mainly with children's father (custody currently contested) – Pt reports extreme stress re worries about quality of father's childcare
Since 2019 ↑alcohol intake from 10 → 40 units/wk; smokes 20 cigs/day
BMI 29 (overweight) – little exercise (gym x1/mth)

Family history: Father died 53 y.o. – heart disease
Older brother – mental health problems (2 suicide attempts in last 12 mths)

Medical history:

08 Feb 2021, 0800 hrs

Heart attack at airport after long-haul flight (pain in jaw, nausea, SOB)
Defibrillator applied by first-aider

08 Feb 2021, 0915 hrs

Emergency hospital admission (Oakville General Hospital)
Balloon-expandable stent applied via groin (arm tried initially, artery too small)

15 Feb 2021

Discharged, 4 weeks off work → gradual return to work
Mother moved in to give care. Pt reports ↑stress (poor relationship)

Medications/treatment on discharge:

Captopril 50mg 2x/day

Atorvastatin 80mg daily

Referral for cardiac rehabilitation sessions – non-attendance

Counselling given re lifestyle changes

Presenting complaint:

15 May 2021

Side effects of captopril – dizziness and light-headedness, headaches, episodes of diarrhoea

Pt reports ↑stress from side effects

Pt requests captopril discontinuation (side effects) – reluctant to start new meds

Plan:

Referral to cardiologist re review of meds and ways to encourage lifestyle changes

Writing Task:

Using the information given in the case notes, write a letter of referral to Dr Banerjee, consultant cardiologist. In your letter, briefly outline Ms Bennet's history and treatment so far, requesting advice and a review of her medication. Address your letter to Dr James Banerjee, Consultant Cardiologist, Sanditon City Hospital, Sanditon.

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 James Banerjee
Consultant Cardiologist
Sanditon City Hospital
Sanditon

15 May 2021

Dear Dr Banerjee

Re: Eleanor Bennet
DOB: 06 Dec 1975

I am writing to request your review of Ms Bennet, a 45-year-old lawyer, who is concerned about possible side effects of her cardiac medication.

Ms Bennet had an emergency admission at Oakville General Hospital on 8 February, having suffered a heart attack following a long-haul flight. She was given a balloon-expandable stent via the groin and prescribed captopril (50mg twice daily) and atorvastatin (80mg daily).

Ms Bennet was advised to make lifestyle changes as she is a heavy drinker (40 units/week) and smoker (20 per day), overweight (BMI: 29) and does little exercise. She was referred for cardiac rehabilitation sessions but has failed to attend.

Ms Bennet saw me today reporting problems with dizziness, headaches and diarrhoea. She asked to discontinue the captopril, attributing her symptoms to side effects of this medication. She has a family history of cardiac problems and mental health issues, with a father who died aged 53 of heart disease and a brother who is a suicide risk. She reports extreme stress over her family situation.

I would appreciate it if you could review her medication and suggest ways to manage lifestyle changes.

Yours sincerely

Doctor