

OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

WRITING PRACTICE NO.03

WRITING SUB-TEST:

MEDICINE

TIME ALLOWED:

READING TIME: 5 MINUTES

WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes below and complete the writing task which follows.

Notes:

Patient's name:	Mrs Jennifer Haydon
DOB:	20 August 1960
Social history:	Married with 2 children Heavy smoker Drinks alcohol occasionally
Past medical history	not relevant no previous breast problem
Past surgical history	Tubal ligation 5 years ago
Menstrual history:	Menarche at the age of 13 Menstruation- normal flow, period- regular, 3/28 cycle
Family history:	No family history of breast disease
Subjective:	Noticed lump in upper part of right breast 2 months ago No change in size during menstrual cycle No discharge from nipple
Objective:	Pulse rate- 76/ min, BP-130/85 An ill-defined 1.5 cm lump in upper quadrant of right breast No lymph node enlargement Overlying skin- normal No evidence of attachment to surrounding structures No other abnormal findings on general examination
Assessment:	Breast cancer or Fibroadenoma or cyst
Plan:	Explain possible conditions & consequences To undergo radiological assessment (Mammogram) and Pathological assessment (Fine needle aspiration or core biopsy)

21/06/2017

Subjective: Extremely concerned about the possibility of cancer
 Difficult to sleep at night
 Anxious, feeling low, sometimes irritated, pounding heart
 Unable to cope even household chores
 Lack of concentration
 Breast lump-no problem

Objective: PR 85/min, BP 150/90
 Look anxious, sweaty
 Other examinations - normal Mammogram- normal
 Ultrasound - confirmation of solid lump
 Cytological examination - malignant cells
 Core biopsy under local anesthesia adenocarcinoma

Assessment: Anxiety secondary to breast cancer (adenocarcinoma)

Plan: Break bad news
 Suggest to take further tests (blood tests, bone scan, CT scans)
 Outline different treatment options available such as surgery, radiotherapy & chemotherapy
 To refer to general surgeon for operation

07/07/2017

Subjective: For regular follow-up
 Had local excision and axillary clearance with radiotherapy to residual right breast for local control

Objective: General condition- well
 No evidence of metastases
 Hormone receptor - negative

Assessment: Post-operation recovery of grade 2 adenocarcinoma

Plan: Chemotherapy
 Regular reviews for cancer spread
 To contact local breast cancer foundation for further information

12/01/2018

Subjective: Sudden onset of severe low back pain
 Suffering from mild back pain 5 weeks ago
 No problem until 5 weeks ago
 Constant pain

	Keeping her awake at night
	Exacerbated by movement
	Radiate down back of left leg
	5 kg weight loss
	The pain “got rid of her appetite”
Objective:	Pain distribution in front of thigh
	Inner aspect of thigh, knee & leg
	Sensory loss in anterior aspect of thigh
	Absence of knee jerk
Assessment:	Tumor spread to lumbar spine
Plan:	Bone scan
	CT scan of chest & abdomen
	Radiotherapy to control pain
	Refer to an oncologist for assessment & palliative care

Writing Task:

Using the information in the case notes, write a letter of referral to Dr. George Thomas at the Middlemore Hospital, 100 Hospital Rd., Otahuhu, Auckland 2025, New Zealand.

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.

Please record your answer on this page.

(Only answers on Page 1 and Page 2 will be marked.)

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Estimated Score

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B. Content	/ 7
C. Conciseness & Clarity	/ 7
D. Genre & Style	/ 7
E. Organisation & Layout	/ 7
F. Language	/ 7

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Writing Task - Rewrite:

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