# OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST WRITING PRACTICE NO.07

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:

Mr Jack Wojovski is a patient in your general practice. Read the case notes below and complete the writing task that follows.

#### **Patient Details**

Name: Mr Jack Wojovski

Age: 43 year old, man

**Social history: Job**: factory worker 18 years

Home: married

Activities: alcohol: 1 – 2 glasses beer / night

smoking: no

#### **Treatment Record:**

28/12/06

Subjective: Lifting heavy object at work, painful spasm lower back

Reported to factory nurse

Pain persists

No neurological symptoms

**Objective:** Tender L4 L5 in paralumbar area

Range of Movement (ROM) limited

Straight Leg Raising (SLR) 45° Lower limb reflexes normal

Power, sensation normal

**Assesment:** lower back strain

Plan: rest 2 days, analgesia, heat, Work Cover certificate

23/01/07

**Subjective:** Pain worse, persistent

Unable to drive or bend

Taking Panadeine 4 hourly

Objective: No change

**Assesment:** severe lower back strain

Plan: Naprosyn, physio

12/02/07

Subjective: Pain relieved

4 physio sessions

Naprosyn 500mg b.d.

**Objective:** Pain on forward flexion

Full lumbar spine movements. Tender L4 L5 L=R=90°

Power, sensation, reflexes of lower limbs normal

**Assesment:** recovering from severe lower back strain

Plan: Return to light-duty work, reduce Naprosyn prn. Continue Physio

17/02/07

**Subjective:** Pain exacerbated by return to work

Stress in marriage

**Objective:** Tender L4 L5

Reduced front flexion and extension, SLR 45° L=R, no neurological symptoms

**Assesment:** exacerbation lower back

**Plan:** X-ray lumbar spine, liaise with physiotherapist, discuss marital problems

20/02/07

**Subjective:** No change, unable to perform light-duty work

Physio temporary relief

Wife feels husband over-reacting

Assesment: Work-related back injury not responding to treatment as expected

Difficult to return to work

Plan: Refer to rehabilitation specialist

## Writing Task:

Using the information in the case notes, write a letter of referral to Dr Helen Wu at South Melbourne Rehabilitation Services 123 Emerald St, South Melbourne 3205.

#### 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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