

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

Assessment: 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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D. Genre & Style	/ 7
E. Organisation & Layout	/ 7
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Writing Task - Rewrite:

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