

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: DENTISTRY

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 December 2018

Your patient, Mrs Joyce Williams, needs Endodontic treatment to complete Root Canal Therapy on one of her teeth.

Patient: Mrs Joyce Williams

Address: 56 Oak Lane Stillwater

DOB: 09 May 1966

Reason for Presenting:

Further Endo required on 37

Dental History: Extractions

Fillings

Scale and clean,

regularly Radiographs

RCTs

Medical History: Myocardial infarction

01 Jun 2007 Allergic to penicillin

Smoker

Current Medication:

Aspirin 100mg every day (Cartia)

Family & Social History:

Married, 2 children

Social worker

Examination: Missing 18, 28, 48

Porcelain crowns 15, 24

RCTs 15, 24

DO amalgam 23

MO amalgam 16, 17, 25, 26, 27

Occ amalgam 38, 47

MOD amalgam 45, 46

Treatment Record:

- 13 Oct 2016** Scale and clean
- 02 May 2017** 37 DO tunnel from occlusal v. deep 60% possibility RCT Fuji IX used
- 03 Aug 2017** Scale and clean prophylaxis
32 mesio-incisal chip; no LA; composite
- 19 Mar 2018** 37 DB tunnel IRM temp Will need RCT
Patient concerned about cost - wishes to delay RCT
- 04 Apr 2018** Patient complains: pain 37 region since insertion of IRM temp
Examined occlusion - NAD
38 DOB composite
RCT scheduled for 10 Apr 2018
- 10 Apr 2018** RCT appt. cancelled - patient reports pain "gone away"
- 23 Nov 2018** Emergency exam: 37 suspected abscess
Tender to percussion, CO2 -ve
No fever/malaise
RCT rescheduled for 25 Nov 2018
- 25 Nov 2018** 2.2ml lignocaine 2% with adrenaline mandibular block
37 access & debridement
3 canals identified & initial debridement
Difficult access to MB
No WL taken
LA difficult. Temporised with Ledermix paste + cavit.
- 15 Dec 2018** 37 asymptomatic
2.2ml lignocaine 2% with adrenaline mandibular
block 37 debridement and instrumentation
WL: D = 21mm from DB cusp #25 MLI: 19mm from MB cusp #25
Unable to instrument MB beyond 8mm
Temporised with ledermix paste and cavit.
PA radiograph unable to determine reason for obstruction
Refer to endodontist

Writing Task:

Using the information in the case notes, write a letter of referral to the endodontist, Dr Patrick O'Malley, 17 Longview Road, Newtown.

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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Dr Patrick O'Malley
17 Longview Road
Newtown

15 December 2018

Dear Dr O'Malley,

Re: Mrs Joyce Williams
DOB: 9 May 1966

Thank you for seeing Mrs Joyce Williams, a 41-year-old smoker. I was unable to finalise her root canal treatment today; therefore, I would be grateful if you could provide further management of this case.

Mrs Williams was first advised she might require RCT of the 37 on 2.5.17 after a DO tunnel restoration. She was initially reluctant to undergo RCT due to financial constraints, but she agreed to proceed once the tooth became painful on 4.4.18. An appointment to begin treatment was cancelled by the patient as the tooth had become asymptomatic.

On 23.11.18, Mrs Williams presented with a non-vital and painful 37. Two days later, root canal treatment was initiated on 37. Profound analgesia was difficult to achieve.

Today, the tooth was asymptomatic and debridement and instrumentation was performed on the D and MLI canals but I was unable to instrument the MB canal beyond 8mm. A peri- apical radiograph showed no clear reason for the obstruction. Please assess and treat as necessary.

Mrs Williams has a history of myocardial infarction (2007). She takes aspirin (Cartia) 100mg daily and is allergic to penicillin.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Dentist