OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

OPTSAMPLE01

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.

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WRITING SUB-TEST: OPTOMETRY
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 31 September 2018

Mr Andrew Johnson visited your private practice with blurred vision in his right eye which has been worsening in recent months.

Presentation: 31 Sep 2018

Patient history: Mr Andrew Johnson: 46 y.o. taxi driver
Double vision after about 11 hrs of driving, for 12 months
Blurring of R eye, 8 months, becoming worse
Lately, 1st letter of street signs absent
No pain or headache

General health: Good. No medication

Family history: Father – cataracts for some yrs

Vision: R 6/60+, L6/6

Refraction: R +0.25/-0.50 x 90, L +0.25 DS. No correction needed

VA: Distance – 1Δ exophoria (normal)
Near – 4Δ exophoria (normal)

Phorias: R and L 16mmHg (Goldmann) (normal)

Stereopsis: Gross (Titmus fly)

Colour vision (D-15):
R – red-green loss. L – normal

External examination:
Normal ocular appearance

Eye movements: Full but jerky

Convergence: Near point – 15cm (slightly high)

Slit-lamp: Cornea and media – normal **IOP**

(Goldmann):
R 18.5mmHg; L 14mmHg at 10.00am (difference suspicious)

Confrontation fields:
R – temporal hemianopia
L – temporal hemianopia

Humphrey fields:

R – temporal hemianopia without macular sparing. L – temporal hemianopia without macular sparing

Internal examination:

Macula, vessels, fundus normal R &L

R optic disc paler than L

Diagnosis: Probable chiasmal lesion, possible pituitary tumour

Plan: Referral to ophthalmologist

Writing Task:

Using the information given in the case notes, write a letter of referral to Dr R Taylor, an ophthalmologist at Newtown Hospital.

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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SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER OF REFERRAL

Dr R Taylor
Ophthalmologist
Newtown Hospital
Newtown

31 September 2018

Dear Dr Taylor,

Re: Mr A Johnson, aged 46 years

Thank you for accepting Mr Johnson for further assessment and management for what is possibly a chiasmal lesion caused by a pituitary tumour.

Mr Johnson presented today because of blurred vision in the right eye. This was first noticed eight months earlier and has since become progressively worse. For the last 12 months, Mr Johnson, a taxi driver, has been aware of double vision occurring after about 11 hours of driving, and recently, the first letter on street signs appears missing.

Mr Johnson's vision is R 6/60+ and L 6/6, with no significant improvement with either spectacles or pinholes. Near point of convergence is 15cm, eye movements are full but jerky and the right pupil is sluggish to a near stimulus. Stereopsis is reduced to gross as measured with the Titmus fly. Colour vision assessed using the D-15 indicates a red-green loss in the right eye only.

The cornea and media are clear. Intraocular pressures were R 18.5mmHg and L 14mmHg using Goldmann tonometry at 10.00am, and the anterior chamber angles are wide (van Herick). The ocular fundi appear normal, except that the right optic disc is paler than the left. Visual fields indicate a bitemporal hemianopic field loss without macular sparing (Humphrey charts enclosed).

Yours sincerely,

Optometrist