OET Listening Part A - Question Paper

24 questions. Listen once to each extract using the audio on the linked page. Write a word or short phrase in every gap. Practise Listening Part A, then check your answers.

Extract 1: Consultation: recurrent headaches

You hear a GP talking to a patient called Mrs Grace Whitfield. For questions 1-12, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

Patient: Mrs Grace Whitfield (54)

Presenting complaint

recurrent headaches; onset approx. ___(1)___ ago (after Easter)

bilateral pain around the ___(2)___, 'like a tight band'

frequency: approx. ___(3)___ in the past month

feels ___(4)___ on bad days, with poor appetite; no vomiting

___(5)___ with worse episodes; no visual aura

Background

history of ___(6)___ in her 20s (unilateral, throbbing)

no jaw pain on chewing, no scalp tenderness

periods stopped 18 months ago; not on HRT

Current analgesia

___(7)___, 2 tablets on waking, most days

adds ___(8)___ on bad days

Social

coffee: approx. ___(9)___ a day at work

works as school ___(10)___ (screen-based)

seeing a ___(11)___ for stiff R shoulder since June

Impression and plan

probable ___(12)___ headache; possible underlying tendency given past history

stop regular analgesics; reduce caffeine gradually; headache diary; BP and blood test; review in 2 weeks

Extract 2: Pre-admission clinic: total hip replacement

You hear a pre-admission nurse talking to a patient called Mr Dennis Harrow. For questions 13-24, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

Patient: Mr Dennis Harrow (68)

Procedure

diagnosis (R hip): ___(13)___; booked for total hip replacement

Allergies and skin

allergy: ___(14)___ (itchy rash) - flag for theatre

___(15)___ on both shins, uses emollient nightly; hip skin intact

Past surgical history

knee arthroscopy

procedure for ___(16)___ (approx. 2015); no anaesthetic problems

Medications

anticoagulant: ___(17)___ 5 mg twice daily (for AF)

timing of last pre-op dose to be advised by ___(18)___

Other medical

sleep apnoea diagnosed after sleep study; has used CPAP for ___(19)___

uses CPAP nightly - bring to hospital

ex-smoker, quit ___(20)___ ago; alcohol minimal

Home situation

lives with wife in a ___(21)___ (bedroom and bathroom upstairs)

wife currently has a ___(22)___, limited lifting

uses a ___(23)___ outdoors

Plan

pre-op referral to ___(24)___ (shower chair, raised toilet seat)