

# OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

## WRITING SUB-TEST: NURSING

**TIME ALLOWED:**                      **READING TIME:**    **5 MINUTES**  
**WRITING TIME:**                      **40 MINUTES**

Read the case notes below and complete the writing task which follows.

### Notes:

You are a registered nurse working at Newtown Community Hospital. Your patient, Ms Mary Bell, is being discharged today.

**Patient:** Mary Bell (Ms)

**Age:** 66 Years

**Marital status:** Single

**Family:** Nil

**First admitted:** 24 June 2017, Newtown Community Hospital

**Discharge:** 15 July 2017

**Diagnosis:** Unstable diabetes mellitus.  
Small infected (left) foot ulcer.

**Medical history:** Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus – 15 years.

**Medications:** Glibenclamide (Glimel) 5mg daily.  
Metformin (Diabex) 850mg t.d.s.  
Amoxycillin/clavulanate (Augmentin Duo Forte) 875/125mg orally, b.d.

**Social/family background:** Retired at 65 from managerial position 2016.  
Lives alone in own four-bedroom home.  
Income: small pension – much lower than pre-retirement income.  
Reports no relatives or close friends.  
Reports no outside interests.  
Since retirement alcohol intake has increased and dietary quality has decreased.  
Periodic problems with self-administration of hypoglycaemic medication.

**Nursing management and progress:**  
Medical hypoglycaemic agent (glibenclamide) to continue.  
Antibiotic therapy (Augmentin Duo Forte) for review at completion of current course.  
Ulcer daily saline dressing, monitor wound margins, observe for signs of complications, review healing progress, etc.



**Discharge plan:**

Monitor medication compliance, blood sugar levels, alcohol intake, diet.

Encourage moderate exercise programme.

Suggest establishment of income-producing activity.

Encourage establishment of social activities.

Prepare a letter to the community nurse, emphasising the need for an overall life-style plan, and suggesting involvement of community social worker service.

**Writing Task:**

Using the information given in the case notes, write a letter of discharge to Ms Jane Rudik, the community nurse at Newtown Community Health Centre, informing her about the patient's condition and her medical and social needs. Address your letter to Ms Jane Rudik, Community Nurse, Newtown Community Health Centre, 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.**



## WRITING SUB-TEST – ANSWER BOOKLET

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**LAST NAME:**

**FIRST NAME:**

**MIDDLE NAMES:**

**PROFESSION:**

**VENUE:**

**TEST DATE:**

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**1. Reading time: 5 minutes**

During this time you may study the writing task and notes. You **MUST NOT** write, highlight, underline or make any notes.

**2. Writing time: 40 minutes**

3. Use the back page for notes and rough draft only. Notes and rough draft will **NOT** be marked.

Please write your answer clearly on page 1 and page 2.

Cross out anything you **DO NOT** want the examiner to consider.

4. You must write your answer for the Writing sub-test in this **Answer Booklet** using **pen or pencil**.

5. You must **NOT** remove OET material from the test room.







Space for notes and rough draft. Only your answers on Page 1 and Page 2 will be marked.

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