# OET 2.0 PRACTICE TESTS LISTENING



# Practice Test 1.



# **Occupational English Test**

# Listening Test

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# Part A

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For **questions 1 – 24,** complete the notes with the information you hear.

Now, look at the notes for extract one.

# Extract 1: Questions 1 – 12

You hear an obstetrician talking to a patient called Melissa Gordon. For **questions 1 – 12**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

# Patient

Melissa Gordon

• works as a (1) .....

Medical history	
•	has occasional (2)
•	is allergic to (3)
•	has a <b>(4)</b>
•	non-smoker
•	this will be her second child
•	needed <b>(5)</b> first pregnancy
•	first baby presented as <b>(6)</b>
	<ul> <li>(7) required during intervention</li> </ul>
•	after giving birth, had problems with <b>(8)</b> o helped by midwife
Baby's father	
•	family history of <b>(9)</b>
•	child from previous marriage has
	(10)
Points raised	
•	not keen on amniocentesis
•	enquired about the possibility of
	(11) testing
•	provided her with a leaflet on preparing
	(12) for new baby

# Extract 2: Questions 13 – 24

You will hear a GP talking to a new patient called Mike Royce. For **questions 13 – 24**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have thirty seconds to look at the notes.

# Patient

Mike Royce

New patient transferring from another practice

# **Description of initial symptoms**

- severe left knee pain in (13) ..... area
- worsened after an accident at work
- developed **(14)** ..... on back of knee (described as trigger points.)

# Impact on daily life

- unable to (15) ..... while working (house painter)
- problems climbing ladders

# **Initial treatment**

- exercise programme including
  - o stretching exercises
  - o rest
  - (16) ..... for pain

# **Developments in condition**

- GP suspected (17) .....
- prescribed hospital-based rehabilitation
- temporary improvement noted

# **Current conditions**

- muscular problem diagnosed by (18) .....
  - was performing treatment on (19) .....

- experiencing insomnia and (20) .....
- suspects **(21)** ..... (own research)
- has recorded experiences in (22) .....
- beginning to experience pain in both (23) .....

# Suggested course of action

• recommend referral to (24) .....

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# Part B

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Now look at question 25.

**25**. You hear a dietician talking to a patient.

What is she doing?

- A. correcting the patient's misconception about obesity
- **B.** describing the link between obesity and other diseases
- C. stressing the need for a positive strategy aimed at weight loss

**26**. You hear members of a hospital committee discussing problems in the X-ray department

The problems are due to a delay in

- A. buying a replacement machine.
- **B.** getting approval for a repair to a machine.
- **C.** identifying a problem with a particular machine.
- **27.** You hear a senior nurse giving feedback to a trainee after a training exercise.

The trainee accepts that he failed to

- A. locate the CPR board quickly enough.
- **B.** deal with the CPR board on his own.
- **C.** Install the CPR board correctly.

**28**. You hear a trainee nurse asking his senior colleague about the use of anti-embolism socks (AES) for a patient.

The patient isn't wearing the socks because

- A. she's suffering from arterial disease in her legs.
- **B.** there is sensory loss in her legs.
- **C.** her legs are too swollen.

**29.** You hear a vet talking about her involvement in the management of the practice where she works.

How does she feel about her role?

- **A.** She accepts that it's become surprisingly complex.
- **B.** She wishes her boss took more interest in the finances.
- **C.** She values the greater understanding it gives her of her work.

**30.** You hear a physiotherapist giving a presentation about a study she's been involved in.

She suggests that her findings are of a particular interest because of

- **A.** the age of the subjects.
- **B.** the type of disorder involved.
- **C.** the length of time covered by the study.

That is the end of Part B. Now look at Part C.

# Part C

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear health professionals talking about aspects of their work.

For **questions 31 – 42**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear.. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at extract one.

# Extract 1: Questions 31 – 36

You hear a sports physiotherapist called Chris Maloney giving a presentation in which he describes treating a high jumper with a knee injury.

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 31 – 36.

- **31.** When Chris first met the patient, he found that
  - **A.** she was considering retirement from her sport.
  - **B.** her state of mind had aggravated the pain in her knee.
  - **C.** she had ignored professional advice previously offered to her.
- **32.** During his assessment of the patient's knee, Chris decided that
  - A. her body type wasn't naturally suited to her sport.
  - **B.** the pain she felt was mainly located in one place.
  - **C.** some key muscles weren't strong enough.
- 33. In the first stage of his treatment, Chris
  - A. was careful to explain his methods in detail.
  - **B.** soon discovered what was causing the problem.
  - **C.** used evidence from MRI scans to inform his approach.

34. Why did Chris decide against the practice known as 'taping'?

- A. The patient was reluctant to use it.
- **B.** It might give a false sense of security.
- **C.** The treatment was succeeding without it.

35. In the patient's gym work, Chris's main concern was to ensure that she

- A. tried out a wide range of fitness exercises.
- **B.** focussed on applying the correct techniques.
- **C.** was capable of managing her own training regime.
- 36. Why was the patient's run-up technique changed?
  - A. to enable her to gain more speed before take off
  - **B.** to reduce the stress placed on her take-off leg
  - **C.** to reinforce the break from her old mindset

# Now look at extract two.

# Extract 2: Questions 37 – 42

You hear a clinical psychiatrist called Dr Anthony Gibbens giving a presentation about the value of individual patients' experiences and 'stories' in medicine.

You now have 90 seconds to read **questions 37 – 42.** 

37. What impressed Dr Gibbens about the case study that was sent to him?

- A. where is was originally published
- **B.** how controversial its contents were
- **C.** his colleague's reasons for sending it to him

- 38. Dr Giddens has noticed that people who read his books
  - A. gain insight into their mental health problems.
  - **B.** see an improvement in personal relationships.
  - **C.** benefit from a subtle change in behaviour.
- 39. What disadvantage of doctors using patients' stories does Dr Gibbens identify?
  - A. evidence-based research being disregarded
  - B. patients being encouraged to self-diagnose
  - **C.** a tendency to jump to conclusions
- 40. In Dr Gibbens' opinion, why should patient's stories inform medical practice?
  - A. They provide an insight not gained from numbers alone.
  - **B.** They prove useful when testing new theories.
  - **C.** They are more accessible than statistics.
- 41. How does Dr Gibbens feel about randomised medical trials?
  - **A.** He questions the reliability of the method.
  - **B.** He is suspicious of the way data are selected for them.
  - **C.** He is doubtful of their value when used independently.

**42.** When talking about the use of narratives in medicine in the future, Dr Gibbens reveals

- A. his determination that they should be used to inform research.
- **B.** his commitment to making them more widely accepted.
- **C.** his optimism that they will be published more widely.

# END OF THE LISTENING TEST

# LISTENING SUB-TEST – ANSWER KEY

# PART A: QUESTIONS 1 – 12

- 1. (computer) programmer
- 2. asthma (attacks)
- 3. penicillin
- 4. vegetarian
- 5. fertility
- 6. breech
- 7. forceps/forcipes
- 8. breastfeeding
- 9. epilepsy
- 10. Down syndrome/DS/DNS/Down's (syndrome)
- **11.** CVS/chronic vill(o)us sampling
- 12. sibling(s)/brothers and/or sisters

# PART A: QUESTIONS 13 - 24

- **13.** medial meniscus OR medial
- 14. (very tender/tender/painful) bumps
- 15. squat (properly)/bend (his) knee
- 16. (used) ice pack(s)
- 17. tendonitis
- 18. (hospital) physio(therapist)/physio(therapist) (in the hospital)
- 19. hamstring(s)
- 20. (constant) anxiety
- 21. fibromyalgia
- 22. (a pain/pain) diary
- 23. (his) shoulders and elbows/(his) elbows and shoulders
- 24. rheumatologist

# PART B: QUESTIONS 25 - 30

- **25.** A correcting patient's misconception about obesity
- **26.** B getting approval for a repair to a machine.
- **27.** A locate the CPR board quickly enough.
- **28.** B there is sensory loss in her legs.
- **29.** C She values the greater understanding it gives her of her work.
- **30.** A the age of the subjects.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 31 - 36

- **31.** A she was considering retirement from her sport.
- **32.** C some key muscles weren't strong enough.
- **33.** B soon discovered what was causing the problem.
- **34.** C The treatment was succeeding without it.
- **35.** B focussed on applying the correct techniques.
- 36. B to reduce the stress placed on her take-off leg

# PART C: QUESTIONS 37 – 42

- 37. A where it was originally published
- **38.** A gain insights into their mental health problems.
- **39.** C a tendency to jump to conclusions
- **40.** A They provide an insight not gained from numbers alone.
- **41.** C He is doubtful of their value when used independently.
- **42.** B his commitment to making them more widely accepted.

#### **END OF KEY**

# Practice Test 2.



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# Extract 1: Questions 1 – 12

You hear a consultant endocrinologist talking to a patient called Sarah Croft. For **questions 1** – **12**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

# Patient

# Sarah Croft

# **Medical history**

- hypertension (recently worsened)
- 3 years of corticosteroid treatment for (1) .....

# **General symptoms**

- gradual weight gain, especially in stomach area
- (2) ..... on face: embarrassing
- visible (3) ..... between the shoulders
- swollen ankles
- excessive and constant (4) .....
- backache
- periods are (5) .....
- extreme tiredness

# **Dermatological symptoms**

- tendency to **(6)** .....
- wounds slow to heal, (7) ..... on thighs
- face appears red in colour, **(8)** ..... area on neck
- recent development of (9) .....

# **Psychological symptoms**

- mildly depressed
- scared by new experience of (10) .....
- feels constantly (11) .....
- intermittent cognitive difficulties

# **Recommended tests**

- further blood tests
- (12) ..... test possibly

# Extract 2: Questions 13 - 24

You hear an anaesthetist talking to a patient called Mary Wilcox prior to an operation. For **questions 13 – 24,** complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

# Patient

Mary Wilcox

# **Current medications**

Reason for medication	Medication	Comments
High blood pressure	Thiazide	both taken this morning with <b>(14)</b>
	(13)	
Heart attack	(15)	taken this morning
	(16)	stopped taking this 7 days ago

# **Medical history**

- went to GP two years ago feeling (17)
   ...... heart attack subsequently diagnosed
- had two (18) ..... inserted

# **Present condition**

- alright with **(19)** ..... and walking on the flat
- has swelling in one ankle following operation for (20)
- denies (21) .....
- reports some (22) ..... at night (responds to medication)

# **Concerns expressed**

- (23) ..... following the procedure
- possible damage to crowns (both are (24)
   .....)

That is the end of Part A. Now look at Part B.

# Part B

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Now look at question 25.

**25**. You hear two trainee doctors doing an activity at a staff training day.

What does the activity give practice in?

- **A.** Writing case notes.
- **B.** Prioritising patients.
- **C.** Dealing with consultants.
- **26.** You hear a radiographer talking to a patient about her MRI scan.

What is he doing?

- **A.** Clarifying the aim of the procedure.
- **B.** Dealing with her particular concerns.
- **C.** Explaining how the equipment works.
- **27**. You hear two nurses discussing an article in a nursing journal.

What do they agree about it?

- A. It's likely to lead to changes in practice.
- **B.** It failed to reach any definite conclusion.
- **C.** It conforms what they were already thinking.

- 28. You hear two hospital managers talking about a time management course for staff.They think that few people have shown interest because
  - A. there are so many alternatives on offer.
  - **B.** they feel it's not relevant to them.
  - **C.** it hasn't been publicised enough.
- **29.** You hear an optometrist reporting on some research he's been doing.

The aim of his research was

- A. to develop nanoparticles for transporting drugs all over the body.
- **B.** to find a way of treating infections caused by contact lenses.
- **C.** to use contact lenses to administer drugs over time.
- **30.** You hear a consultant talking to a trainee about a patient's eye condition.

What is the consultant doing?

- **A.** Explaining why intervention may not be necessary.
- **B.** Suggesting the diagnosis is by no means certain.
- **C.** Describing a possible complication.

That is the end of Part B. Now look at Part C.

# Part C

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Now look at extract one.

# Extract 1: Questions 31 – 36

You hear an interview with a neurosurgeon called Dr Ian Marsh who specialises in the treatment of concussion in sport.

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 31 – 36.

- **31.** Dr Marsh says that one aim of the new guidelines on concussion is
  - A. to educate young sportspeople in how to avoid getting it.
  - **B.** to correct some common misunderstandings about it.
  - **C.** to provide a range of specialist advice about it.
- 32. Dr Marsh makes the point that someone who has suffered a concussion will
  - **A.** be unconscious for varying amounts of time after the event.
  - **B.** need a medical examination before doing any further exercise.
  - **C.** have to take precautions to avoid the risk of symptoms recurring.
- **33.** Dr Marsh says returning to sport too early after a concussion is dangerous because
  - **A.** a subsequent episode can have a cumulative effect.
  - **B.** there is a high risk of fatality in the event of a second one.
  - **C.** the brains of younger people need time to return to normal size.

- **34.** Dr Marsh suggests that the risk of sustaining a concussion in sports
  - A. lies mainly in the choice of sports played.
  - **B.** can be reduced by developing good playing technique.
  - **C.** is greater when sports are played in less formal situations.
- 35. What is Dr Marsh's view about providing medical support for youth supports events?
  - A. Some types of sports are risky enough to justify it.
  - **B.** The organisers should be capable of dealing with any issues.
  - **C.** Certain medical professionals should be encouraged to volunteer.
- 36. Dr Marsh thinks that developments in college football in the USA
  - A. only really addresses an issue which is particular to that sport.
  - **B.** are only likely to benefit the health of professional sports players.
  - **C.** are a significant step forward in the prevention of concussion in all sports.

# Now look at extract two.

# Extract 2: Questions 37 – 42

You hear a presentation by a consultant cardiologist called Dr Pamela Skelton, who's talking about a research trial called SPRINT which investigated the effects of setting lower blood-pressure targets.

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 37 – 42.

# **37.** Why was the SPRINT trial stopped before it was due to end?

- **A.** There was conclusive results earlier than expected.
- **B.** The high drop-out rate was likely to invalidate the data.
- **C.** Concerns were raised about possible effects on all participants.

- **38.** A few participants aged over seventy-five left the trial because
  - A. there was a negative impact on their daily life.
  - **B.** they failed to take the required doses of medication.
  - **C.** their health deteriorated due to pre-existing conditions.
- 39. A significant feature of measuring blood pressure in the trial was that
  - A. the highest of three readings was recorded.
  - **B.** the patient was alone when it was carried out.
  - **C.** it was done manually by the participant at home.
- 40. How did the SPRINT trial differ from the earlier ACCORD study into blood pressure?
  - A. SPRINT had fewer participants.
  - **B.** SPRINT involved higher-risk patients.
  - **C.** SPRINT included patients with diabtetes.
- 41. Dr Skelton's main reservation about the SPRINT trial is that
  - A. it ignores the wider implications of lower BP.
  - **B.** its results go against the existing body of evidence.
  - C. it was unduly influenced by pharmaceutical companies.
- 42. What impact does Dr Skelton think the SPRINT trial will have in the future?
  - **A.** It will lead to universally applicable guidelines for BP levels.
  - **B.** Increased attention will be given to the effect of lifestyle on BP.
  - **C.** GPs will adopt a more active approach to lowering BP in the elderly.

#### END OF THE LISTENING TEST

# LISTENING SUB-TEST – ANSWER KEY

# PART A: QUESTIONS 1 – 12

- 1. asthma
- 2. hair (growth)
- 3. hump
- 4. sweating / perspiration / diaphoresis
- 5. (so) infrequent (now)
- 6. (easily) bruise
- 7. stretch marks / striate
- 8. dark / darkened
- 9. acne (vulgaris)
- 10. mood swings
- 11. irritable
- 12. saliva

# PART A: QUESTIONS 13 - 24

- 13. lisinopril
- 14. (some) water
- 15. aspirin
- 16. clopidogrel
- 17. (a bit) breathless
- 18. stents
- 19. (going up/going down/up and down) stairs
- 20. varicose veins
- **21.** (having) palpitations
- 22. heartburn / (acid) reflux
- 23. pain
- 24. central incisors

# PART B: QUESTIONS 25 - 30

- **25.** B prioritising patients.
- **26.** B dealing with her particular concerns.
- **27.** A it's likely to lead to changes in practice.
- **28.** B they feel it's not relevant to them.
- **29.** C to use contact lenses to administer drugs over time.
- **30.** A explaining why intervention may not be necessary.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 31 - 36

- **31.** C to provide a range of specialist advice about it.
- **32.** C have to take precautions to avoid the risk of symptoms recurring.
- **33.** A a subsequent episode can have a cumulative effect.
- **34.** A lies mainly in the choice of sports played.
- **35.** B The organisers should be capable of dealing with any issues.
- **36.** A only really address an issue which is particular to that trade.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 37 - 42

- **37.** A There were conclusive results earlier than expected.
- **38.** C their health deteriorated due to pre-existing conditions.
- **39.** B the patient was alone when it was carried out.
- **40.** B SPRINT involved higher-risk patients.
- **41.** B its results go against the existing body of evidence.
- **42.** C GPs will adopt a more active approach to lowering BP in the elderly.

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# Practice Test 3.



# **Occupational English Test**

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# Extract 1: Questions 1 – 12

You hear a pulmonologist talking to a patient called Robert Miller. For **questions 1 – 12**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

Patient	
	Robert Miller
Symptoms	
	• tired ness
	• persistent (1) cough
	• SOB
	• weight loss described as (2) in nature.
	• fingertips appear (3)
	• nails feel relatively (4)
Background details	
	• previously employed as a (5) (20 yrs)
	<ul> <li>now employed as a (6)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>no longer able to play golf</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>keeps pigeons as a hobby</li> </ul>
Medical history	
	<ul> <li>last year diagnosed with hypertension</li> </ul>
	current prescription of (7)
	• (8) sounds in chest reported by GP
	father suffered from (9)
Dura via una da arte	
Previous tests	
	(10) six months ago
	<ul> <li>chest x-ray one month ago</li> </ul>
Future actions	
	• (11) test
	• CT scan
	• prescription of <b>(12)</b> (possibly)

# Extract 2: Questions 13 - 24

You hear an anaesthetist talking to a patient called Mary Wilcox prior to an operation. For **questions 13 – 24,** complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

#### Patient

Jasmine Burton

Patient history	
	• suffers from (13)astigmatism
	• also has (14) (so surgery under
	general anaesthetic)
	<ul> <li>eye problems may result from a lack of (15)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>sight problems mean (16) isn't an option for her</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>reports some slowness to (17)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>has poor perception of (18)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>works as a (19)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>reports having no issues at work</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>eyes checked every few years</li> </ul>
Surgery	
	<ul> <li>(20) in right eye first noted three years ago</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>February this year – had surgery</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>some capsular (21) noted post- operatively</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>examination showed no sign of a (22)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>follow up appointment in 6 months</li> </ul>
Presenting with	
	• reported increase in number of <b>(23)</b>
	<ul> <li>increased sensitivity to (24)</li> </ul>

That is the end of Part A. Now look at Part B.

# Part B

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Now look at question 25.

25. You hear a nurse briefing a colleague at the end of her shift.

What does the colleague have to do for the patient tonight?

- **A.** Remove her saline drip.
- **B.** Arrange for more tests.
- **C.** Monitor her blood pressure.

**26.** You hear part of a hospital management meeting where a concern is being discussed.

What is the committee concerned about?

- **A.** Poor response to recruitment drives.
- **B.** Difficulties in retaining suitable staff.
- **C.** Relatively high staff absence rates.
- **27**. You hear a GP and his practice nurse discussing a vaccination programme.

They agree that the practice should

- A. make sure patients are aware of it.
- **B.** organise it more effectively than in the past.
- **C.** prepare to cope with an increasing demand for it.

- 28. You hear two hospital nurses discussing the assessment of a patient on their ward.What is the problem?
  - A. The patient's documentation has been sent to the wrong place.
  - **B.** Nobody has taken responsibility for assessing the patient.
  - **C.** The duty doctor was unable to locate the patient.
- **29.** You hear the beginning of a training session for dental students.

The trainer is explaining that the session will

- A. focus on aspects of dental hygiene.
- **B.** expand upon what they studied previously.
- **C.** introduce them to a completely new technique.
- 30. You hear two nurses discussing the treatment of a patient with a kidney infection.What is the female nurse doing?
  - **A.** Emphasising the urgency of a procedure.
  - **B.** Suggesting how to overcome a difficulty.
  - **C.** Warning him about a possible problem.

That is the end of Part B. Now look at Part C.

# Part C

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For **questions 31 – 42**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear.. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at extract one.

# Extract 1: Questions 31 – 36

You hear a geriatrician called Dr Clare Cox giving a presentation on the subject of end-of-life care for people with dementia.

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 31 – 36.

31. What problem does Dr Cox identify concerning dementia patients?

- A. People do not want to be diagnosed with dementia.
- **B.** Their condition can develop in a number of different ways.
- **C.** It can be difficult to provide specialist advice about it.

**32.** Why did *Dementia Australia* decide to examine the issue of end-of-life dementia care?

- **A.** There was a lack of reliable information on it.
- **B.** The number of stories about poor care made it urgent.
- **C.** There was enough data on which to base an effective care plan.

**33.** For Dr Cox, the initial results of the dementia survey reveal that palliative care

- **A.** was working more effectively than people had thought.
- **B.** was more widely available than some users imagined.
- **C.** was viewed negatively by medical professionals.

34. Dr Cox says that lack of knowledge of the law by care professionals

- A. proves that family members should help make pain management decisions.
- **B.** could be resulting in a surprisingly high number of premature deaths.
- **C.** may lead to dementia patients experiencing unnecessary distress.
- **35.** Dr Cox things that the statistics she quotes on refusing treatment
  - A. illustrate a gap in current medical education programmes.
  - **B.** show how patients' wishes are too often misunderstood by carers.
  - **C.** demonstrate the particular difficulties presented by dementia patients.
- 36. Dr Cox makes the point that end-of-life care planning is desirable because
  - A. it reduces the complexity of certain care decisions.
  - **B.** it avoids carers having to speculate about a patient's wishes.
  - **C.** it ensures that everyone receives the best possible quality of care.

# Now look at extract two.

# Extract 2: Questions 37 – 42

You hear a hospital doctor called Dr Keith Gardiner giving a presentation about some research on the subject of staff-patient communication.

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 37 – 42.

- 37. Dr Gardiner first became interested in staff-patient communication after
  - **A.** experiencing poor communication as an in-patient.
  - **B.** observing the effects of poor communication on a patient.
  - **C.** analysing patient feedback data on the subject of communication.

38. What point does Dr Gardiner make about a typical admission to hospital?

- **A.** The information can overwhelm patients.
- **B.** Patients often feel unable to communicate effectively.
- **C.** Filling in detailed paperwork can be stressful for patients.

39. Dr Gardiner uses an example of poor communication to illustrate the point that

- **A.** patients should be consulted about the desirability of a hospital stay.
- **B.** specialists need to be informed if there are any mental health issues.
- **C.** relatives' knowledge of a patient's condition shouldn't be taken for granted.

**40.** Dr Gardiner explains that a survey conducted among in-patients about communication

- A. measured the difference between their expectations and their actual experience.
- **B.** asked their opinion about all aspects of the service they received.
- **C.** included question on how frequently they visited the hospital.
- 41. One common complaint arising from Dr Gardiner's survey concerned
  - **A.** a lack of privacy for patients receiving sensitive information.
  - **B.** the over-use of unclear medical terminology with patients.
  - C. a tendency not to address patients in a respectful way.
- 42. How does Dr Gardiner feel about the results of the survey?
  - A. Surprised by one response from patients.
  - **B.** Reassured by the level of patient care identified.
  - **C.** Worried that unforeseen problems were highlighted.

# END OF THE LISTENING TEST

# LISTENING SUB-TEST – ANSWER KEY

# PART A: QUESTIONS 1 – 12

- **1.** dry
- 2. (very) gradual
- 3. swollen / bulging (out)
- 4. soft
- 5. farm labourer
- 6. (night) security guard
- 7. beta blockers
- 8. crackling (accept: cracking) / crep / crepitation
- 9. (bad) eczema
- 10. echocardiogram / cardiac echo / echo
- 11. arterial blood gas / ABG
- 12. corticosteroids

# PART A: QUESTIONS 13 – 24

- 13. myopic / short-sighted / near-sighted
- 14. nystagmus / (a) flicker(ing)
- **15.** pigment (in eye)
- 16. driving
- **17.** focus
- 18. distance
- 19. (hotel) receptionist
- **20.** cataract (developed)
- 21. opacity / clouding
- 22. detached retina / retina(l) detachment
- 23. (eye) floaters
- 24. glare / bright lights

# PART B: QUESTIONS 25 - 30

- **25.** A remove her saline drip.
- **26.** C relatively high staff absence rate.
- **27.** C prepare to cope with an increasing demand for it.
- 28. B nobody has taken responsibility for assessing the patient.
- 29. B expand upon what they studied previously.
- **30.** C warning him about a possible problem.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 31 - 36

- **31.** B their condition can develop in a number of different ways.
- **32.** A there was a lack of reliable information about it.
- **33.** B was more widely available than some users imagined.
- **34.** C may lead to dementia patients experiencing unnecessary distress.
- **35.** A illustrate a gap in current medical education programmes.
- **36.** B it avoids carers having to speculate about a patient's wishes.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 37 – 42

- **37.** B observing the effects of poor communication on a patient.
- **38.** A the information given can overwhelm patients.
- **39.** C relatives' knowledge of a patient's conditions shouldn't be taken for granted.
- A measured the difference between their expectations and their actual experience.
- **41.** B the over-use of unclear medical terminology with patients.
- **42.** A surprised by one response from patients.

#### END OF KEY

# Practice Test 4.



# **Occupational English Test**

# Listening Test

This test has three parts. In each part you'll hear a number of different extracts. At the start of each extract, you'll hear this sound: --beep---

You'll have time to read the questions before you hear each extract and you'll hear each extract **ONCE ONLY**. Complete your answers as you listen.

At the end of the test you'll have two minutes to check your answers.

## Part A

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, a health professional is talking to a patient.

For **questions 1 – 24**, complete the notes with the information you hear.

Now, look at the notes for extract one.

## Extract 1: Questions 1 – 12

You hear a physiotherapist talking to a new patient called Ray Sands. For **questions 1 – 12**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

Patient		
	Ray Sands	
18 months ago		
	<ul> <li>back injury sustained (lifting (1))</li> </ul>	
1 year ago		
	sciatica developed	
6 months ago		
	<ul> <li>clear of symptoms</li> </ul>	
Last month		
	<ul> <li>recurrence of symptoms</li> </ul>	
Patient's description of symptoms		
	• pain located in (2)	
	<ul> <li>pain described as (3)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>loss of mobility</li> </ul>	
	• problems sleeping	
	• mentions inability to <b>(4)</b> as most	
	frustrating aspect	
	• (5) sensation (calves)	
	<ul> <li>general numbness in affected area</li> </ul>	
Occupation		
	• (6) (involves travel/some manual work)	
Initial treatment		
	• prescribed NSAIDs	

	<ul> <li>application of (7) (provided some relief)</li> </ul>
Referrals	
	<ul> <li>(8) (briefly)</li> <li>sports injury specialist for manipulation and exercise programme</li> </ul>
Further treatment	
	<ul> <li>epidural injections</li> <li>(9)</li> <li>electrical impulses</li> <li>decided not to try (10)</li> <li>patients attributes recovery to (11)</li> </ul>
Previous diagnosis	

- sciatica probably related to (12) .....
- reports no history of pain in buttocks

#### Extract 2: Questions 13 - 24

You hear a consultant dermatologist talking to a patient called Jake Ventor. For **questions 13** – **24**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

#### Patient

Jake Ventor

**Reason for referral** 

• skin lesion

Patient's description of condition

- on the (13) ..... of his left hand
- preceded by (14) .....
- then (15) ..... form and join up
- surrounding erythema

	<ul> <li>GP describes appearance of lesion as</li> </ul>
	(16)
	<ul> <li>normally resolves within two weeks</li> </ul>
History of condition	
	<ul> <li>first experienced in 1990s when living in China</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>also had a lesion on his (17) never recurred there</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>recurs regularly on different parts of his left hand</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>not becoming more (18)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>no apparent link to general state of health, (19)</li> <li> or stress</li> </ul>
Medical history	
	<ul> <li>(20)on lower back in 2006 – no sign of recurrence</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>reports no history of (21)</li> </ul>
Information given	
	<ul> <li>advised that (22) was unlikely to be effective</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>told him to take care if the skin is (23)</li> </ul>
Outcome	
	<ul> <li>says his quality of life isn't affected</li> </ul>
	• a (24) will be arranged

That is the end of Part A. Now look at Part B.

#### Part B

In this part of the test, you'll hear six different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear people talking in a different healthcare setting.

For **questions 25 – 30**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear. You'll have time to read each question before you listen. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at question 25.

**25**. You hear a nurse briefing a colleague about a patient.

What does she warn her colleague about?

- **A.** The patient is allergic to some types of antibiotics.
- **B.** Care must be taken to prevent the patient from falling.
- **C.** Oxygen may be needed if the patient becomes breathless.
- **26.** You hear the manager of a care home for the elderly talking to the nursing staff.

He says that errors in dispensing medication to patients usually result from

- A. interruptions while calculating dosages.
- **B.** a failure to check for patients' allergies.
- **C.** administering drugs late in the day.
- 27. You hear part of a morning briefing on a hospital ward.

What is the plan for the patient today?

- **A.** Her emotional state will be carefully observed.
- **B.** She will be transferred to a more specialised unit.
- **C.** A social worker will come to see what help she needs.

**28**. You hear part of an ante-natal consultation at a GP practice.

What does the patient want to know about?

- **A.** The advisability of a home birth.
- **B.** Ways of avoiding post-natal depression.
- **C.** What painkillers might be available during labour.

**29.** You hear a trainee doctor telling his supervisor about a problem he had carrying out a procedure.

The trainee feels the cause of the problem was

- A. treatment administered previously.
- **B.** the patient's negative reaction.
- **C.** inappropriate equipment.
- **30.** You hear a doctor talking to a teenage boy who has a painful wrist.
  - The doctor wants to establish whether
  - A. a fracture may be misaligned.
  - **B.** the swelling may be due to a sprain.
  - **C.** there may be more than one bone affected.

That is the end of Part B. Now look at Part C.

#### Part C

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear health professionals talking about aspects of their work.

For **questions 31 – 42**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear.. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at extract one.

## Extract 1: Questions 31 – 36

You hear an interview with a cardiologist called Dr Jack Robson, who's an expert on Chagas disease.

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 31 – 36.

- 31. Why does Dr Robson regard Chagas as a neglected disease?
  - **A.** Because of the social groups it mainly affects.
  - **B.** Because patients often don't realise they're infected.
  - **C.** Because its impact is severe in a relatively small number of cases.
- 32. Dr Robson says that concerns over Chagas in the USA are the result of
  - **A.** a rise in the number of people at risk of being infected with the disease.
  - **B.** a greater awareness of how many people there have the disease.
  - **C.** an increased prevalence of the insect which carries the disease.
- **33.** A patient called Marisol recently asked Dr Robson to test her for Chagas because
  - A. she was worried about the health of any children she might give birth to.
  - **B.** she wanted to know whether it was safe for her to donate blood.
  - **C.** she thought she had symptoms associated with the disease.

- 34. What problem does Dr Robson identify in the case of a patient called Jennifer?
  - A. An unwillingness to accept that she was ill.
  - **B.** An inability to tolerate the prescribed medicine.
  - **C.** A delay between the initial infection and treatment.
- 35. What does Dr Robson say about his patient called Juan?
  - **A.** The development of his illness was typical of people with Chagas.
  - **B.** An incorrect initial diagnosis resulted in his condition worsening.
  - **C.** The medication he took was largely ineffective.
- 36. Dr Robson thinks the short-term priority in the fight against Chagas is to
  - A. increase efforts to eliminate the insects which carry the parasite.
  - **B.** produce medication in a form that is suitable for children.
  - **C.** design and manufacture a viable vaccine.

Now look at extract two.

## Extract 2: Questions 37 – 42

You hear an occupational therapist called Anna Matthews giving a presentation to a group of trainee doctors.

You now have 90 seconds to read **questions 37 – 42.** 

**37.** Anna says the main focus of her work as an occupational therapist is

- A. designing activities to meet the changing needs of each patient.
- **B.** making sure she supports patients in reaching their goals.
- **C.** being flexible enough to deal with patients of all ages.

- 38. When Anna first met the patient called Ted, she was
  - **A.** unable to identify completely with his attitude.
  - B. optimistic that he would regain full mobility.
  - **C.** mainly concerned about his state of mind.
- 39. Because Ted seemed uninterested in treatment, Anna initially decided to focus on
  - A. what he could achieve most easily.
  - **B.** allowing him to try and help himself.
  - **C.** making him come to terms with his injuries.
- **40.** Anna feels that, in the long term, her therapy helped Ted because
  - A. it led him to become less emotional.
  - **B.** it made him appreciate the need for patience.
  - **C.** it showed him there was something to work towards.
- 41. Anna describes the day Ted had his plaster casts removed in order to
  - A. demonstrate how slow any progress can seem to patients.
  - **B.** illustrate the problems caused by raising a patient's hopes.
  - **C.** give advice on what to do when patients experience setbacks.

**42.** Anna suggests that when patients like Ted recover enough to go home, they are often

- **A.** too ambitious in what they try to achieve initially.
- **B.** able to build on the work of the occupational therapist.
- C. held back by the over-protective attitude of family members.

#### **END OF THE LISTENING TEST**

#### LISTENING SUB-TEST – ANSWER KEY

#### PART A: QUESTIONS 1 – 12

- 1. (a) (heavy) suitcase / case
- 2. (his/the) right leg
- 3. (really) intense
- **4.** turn over in bed / get comfortable
- 5. tingling
- 6. events organiser
- 7. compression packs
- 8. (an) osteopath
- 9. ultrasound
- 10. acupuncture
- 11. combination of treatments
- 12. slipped/herniated disc

## PART A: QUESTIONS 13 – 24

- 13. palm
- 14. itching / itchiness / pruritus
- 15. (little) blisters
- 16. chaotic
- 17. chest
- 18. frequent
- 19. diet / anything in (his) daily life
- 20. (removal of) / (malignant) melanoma
- 21. cold sores / herpes simplex / herpes labialis
- 22. (an) anti(-)viral cream
- 23. broken
- 24. (a) biopsy

#### PART B: QUESTIONS 25 - 30

- **25.** B care must be taken to prevent the patient from falling.
- **26.** A interruptions while calculating dosages.
- **27.** A her emotional state will be carefully observed.
- **28.** C what painkillers might be available during labour.
- **29.** A treatment administered previously.
- **30.** A a fracture may be misaligned.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 31 - 36

- **31.** A because of the social groups it mainly affects.
- **32.** B a greater awareness of how many people there have the disease.
- **33.** A she was worried about the health of any children she might give birth to.
- **34.** C a delay between the initial infection and treatment.
- **35.** A the development of his illness was typical of people with Chagas.
- **36.** B produce medication in a form that is suitable for children.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 37 – 42

- **37.** B making sure she supports patients in reaching their goals.
- **38.** C mainly concerned about his state of mind.
- **39.** A what he could achieve most easily.
- **40.** C it showed him there was something to work towards.
- **41.** A demonstrate how slow any progress can seem to patients.
- **42.** B able to build on the work of the occupational therapist.

#### END OF KEY

# Practice Test 5.



# **Occupational English Test**

## Listening Test

This test has three parts. In each part you'll hear a number of different extracts. At the start of each extract, you'll hear this sound: --beep---

You'll have time to read the questions before you hear each extract and you'll hear each extract **ONCE ONLY**. Complete your answers as you listen.

At the end of the test you'll have two minutes to check your answers.

## Part A

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, a health professional is talking to a patient.

For **questions 1 – 24,** complete the notes with the information you hear.

Now, look at the notes for extract one.

## Extract 1: Questions 1 – 12

You hear a gastroenterologist talking to a patient called Andrew Taylor. For **questions 1 – 12**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

#### Patient

Andrew Taylor

#### Background

- has had (1) ..... over long period
- reports a frequent (2) ..... sensation in the last year
- most recently (3) ..... has become a problem
- words used to describe symptoms (4)
- pre-existing skin condition aggravated
- frequent (5) ..... -- patient didn't initially link these to bowel condition

#### Effects of condition on everyday life

- works as a (6) .....
- situation at work means patient is (7)
- complains of lack of (8) .....

Diet

- claims to be consuming sufficient (9) .....
- claims to keep hydrated
- has experimented with excluding (10)
   ..... from diet
- very slight reduction in caffeine intake
- has undergone (11) ..... no indications of anything problematic

#### Medication

- has taken an anti-spasmodic not very effective
- now trying **(12)** .....

# Extract 2: Questions 13 – 24

You will hear a hospital neurologist talking to a new patient called Kathy Tanner. For **questions 13 – 24,** complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have thirty seconds to look at the notes.

## Patient

## Kathy Tanner

## **Background to condition**

- experienced discomfort and a **(13)** ..... feeling in neck whilst driving
- osteopathy exacerbated problem
- used **(14)** ..... to relieve symptoms in neck

## Further developments in condition and diagnosis

- describes a pulling sensation (dragging her head to the right)
- doctor recommended (15) .....
- diagnosis of spasmodic torticollis (ST)
  - condition described as (16) .....
  - o resulted in feelings of depression

## **Treatment history**

- (a) from home
  - some months of (17) .....
  - visited two neurologists without success
  - prescribed (18) ..... (antispasmodic)
  - joined an ST support group
  - brought (19) ..... to provide extra support

## (b) from university hospital

- treatment using (20) ..... injections
   side effects included difficulties (21) .....
- supplemented (22) .....
- experienced confusion and (23) .....

• analgesic relief; morphine self-administered via (24)

That is the end of Part A. Now look at Part B.

#### Part B

In this part of the test, you'll hear six different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear people talking in a different healthcare setting.

For **questions 25 – 30**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear. You'll have time to read each question before you listen. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at question 25.

**25**. You hear an optometrist talking to a patient who's trying contact lenses for the first time.

What is the patient concerned about?

- A. His blurred vision.
- **B.** Soreness in his eyes.
- **C.** How to remove the lenses.
- **26**. You hear a nurse asking a colleague for help with a patient.

Why does the nurse need help?

- **A.** The patient's condition has deteriorated.
- **B.** The patient is worried about a procedure.
- **C.** The patient is reported increased pain levels.

**27.** You hear a senior nurse talking about a new initiative that has been introduced on her ward.

What problem was it intended to solve?

- **A.** Patients' confusion over information given by the doctor.
- **B.** Relatives not being able to discuss issues with the doctor.
- C. Patients not discussing all their concerns when meeting the doctor.

- 28. You hear two radiologists talking about the type of scan to be given to a patient. They agree to choose the method which will
  - **A.** allow them to see the whole of the appendix.
  - **B.** probably give the most accurate results.
  - **C.** have the fewest risks for the patient.

**29.** You hear part of a surgical team's briefing.

The male surgeon suggests that the patient could

- A. require specialist equipment during surgery.
- **B.** benefit from a specific anaesthetic procedure.
- **C.** be at risk of complications from another health issue.

**30.** You hear a senior research associate talking about a proposal to introduce interprofessional, primary healthcare teams.

What hasn't been established about the teams yet?

- **A.** The best way for collaboration to take place.
- **B.** The financial impact that they are likely to have.
- **C.** The aspects of medical care they are best suited to.

That is the end of Part B. Now look at Part C.

#### Part C

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear health professionals talking about aspects of their work.

For **questions 31 – 42**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear.. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at extract one.

## Extract 1: Questions 31 – 36

You hear a presentation by a specialist cancer nurse called Sandra Morton, who's talking about her work with prostate cancer patients, including a man called Harry.

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 31 – 36.

- 31. What does Sandra Morton see as the main aim in her work?
  - **A.** To inform patients about the different treatments on offer.
  - **B.** To publicise the availability of tests for the condition.
  - **C.** To raise awareness of the symptoms of the illness.
- **32.** When Harry was offered a routine health check at his local surgery, he initially
  - **A.** resisted the idea due to his wife's experience.
  - **B.** felt that he was too fit and well to be in need of it.
  - **C.** only agreed to attend because his doctor advised him to.
- **33.** During Harry's investigations for prostate cancer at a hospital clinic, he
  - **A.** felt part of the examination procedure was unpleasant.
  - **B.** found it hard to cope with the wait for some results.
  - **C.** was given false hope by a preliminary blood test.

- 34. What was Harry's response to being diagnosed with prostate cancer?
  - **A.** He found himself reacting in a way he hadn't anticipated.
  - **B.** He as unconvinced by the prognosis he was given.
  - **C.** He immediately started researching treatment options online.
- **35.** What typical patient response to the illness does Sandra mention?
  - **A.** An unwillingness to commence appropriate medication.
  - **B.** A failure to seek advice regarding different treatment options.
  - **C.** A reluctance to talk about the embarrassing aspects of treatment.
- **36.** Sandra believes that community follow-up clinics are important because they
  - A. offer patents more personal aftercare.
  - **B.** are proven to be less traumatic for patients.
  - **C.** provide rapid treatment for patients developing new symptoms.

## Now look at extract two.

## Extract 2: Questions 37 – 42

You hear a neurologist called Dr Frank Madison giving a presentation about the overuse of painkillers.

You now have 90 seconds to read **questions 37 – 42.** 

## 37. In Dr Madison's experience, patients who become addicted to painkillers

- A. are more likely to move on to hard drugs.
- **B.** come from a wide variety of backgrounds.
- **C.** usually have existing psychological problems.

- 38. Dr Madison thinks some GPs over-prescribe opioid painkillers because these
  - A. have a long-standing record of success.
  - **B.** enable them to deal with patients more quickly.
  - **C.** represent a relatively inexpensive form of treatment.
- **39.** Dr Madison regrets that management of acute pain
  - **A.** is often misunderstood by the general public.
  - **B.** receives inadequate attention in medical training.
  - **C.** fails to distinguish between different possible triggers.
- 40. Dr Madison's main concern about painkillers being readily available is that
  - **A.** patients may build up a resistance to them.
  - **B.** they may be taken in dangerous amounts by patients.
  - **C.** they may interact adversely with patients' other medication.
- 41. Dr Madison refers to the case of an osteoarthritic patient called Ann to highlight
  - **A.** the unsuitability of opioids for patients with particular conditions.
  - **B.** the effect on patients' working lives of dependence on painkillers.
  - **C.** the extreme fear patients may have of living without pain medication.
- 42. Ann's GP initially failed to identify her dependence because
  - A. she managed to conceal its physical effects from him.
  - **B.** he was unaware that she had another source of drugs.
  - **C.** he lacked experience in dealing with problems like hers.

#### END OF THE LISTENING TEST

#### LISTENING SUB-TEST – ANSWER KEY

#### PART A: QUESTIONS 1 – 12

- 1. heartburn (after meals)
- 2. bloating
- 3. constipation
- 4. (so) unpredictable
- 5. migraines
- 6. accountant
- 7. anxious
- 8. energy
- 9. fibre
- 10. dairy (products)
- 11. (extensive) food allergy tests
- 12. anti-depressants OR (an) antidepressant

## PART A: QUESTIONS 13 – 24

- 13. stiff
- 14. heat pad OR heatpad
- 15. physio(therapy)
- 16. untreatable
- **17.** chiropractic treatment
- 18. Baclofen
- 19. (an orthopaedic/a) chair
- 20. botulinum toxin OR botox
- 21. swallowing
- **22.** (various) oral medications/meds
- 23. memory loss OR loss of memory OR amnesia
- 24. (a) pump

#### PART B: QUESTIONS 25 - 30

- **25.** A his blurred vision
- **26.** B the patient is worried about a procedure.
- **27.** C patients not discussing all their concerns when meeting the doctor.
- **28.** C have the fewest risks for the patient.
- **29.** B benefit from a specific anaesthetic procedure.
- **30.** B the financial impact that they are likely to have.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 31 - 36

- **31.** C to raise awareness of the symptoms of the illness.
- **32.** B felt that he was too fit and well to be in need of it.
- **33.** B found it hard to cope with the wait for some results.
- **34.** A he found himself reacting in a way he hadn't anticipated.
- **35.** C a reluctance to talk about the embarrassing aspects of treatment.
- **36.** A offer patients more personal aftercare.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 37 - 42

- **37.** B come from a wide variety of backgrounds.
- **38.** B enable them to deal with patients more quickly.
- **39.** C fails to distinguish between different possible triggers.
- **40.** C they may interact adversely with patients' other medication.
- **41.** A the unsuitability of opioids for patients with particular conditions.
- **42.** C he lacked experience in dealing with problems like hers.

#### **END OF KEY**

# Practice Test 6.



# **Occupational English Test**

# Listening Test

This test has three parts. In each part you'll hear a number of different extracts. At the start of each extract, you'll hear this sound: --beep---

You'll have time to read the questions before you hear each extract and you'll hear each extract **ONCE ONLY**. Complete your answers as you listen.

At the end of the test you'll have two minutes to check your answers.

## Part A

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, a health professional is talking to a patient.

For **questions 1 – 24,** complete the notes with the information you hear.

Now, look at the notes for extract one.

## Extract 1: Questions 1 – 12

You hear part of a consultation between a psychologist and a patient called Mr Barry.. For **questions 1 – 12,** complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

Patient	
r	Mr Barry
Background	
Medication	<ul> <li>Continued anxiety and (1)</li> <li>Started medication (2) ago</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Citalopram/chlordiazepoxide</li> <li>Chlordiazepoxide (3) mg (4) daily</li> <li>Non-compliant</li> <li>Feels meds don't (5) him sufficiently</li> <li>Patient trying to (6) more</li> <li>Side effects: ongoing (7) improving</li> <li>Stress related?</li> <li>Possible (8)</li> <li>Takes citalopram (9)</li> </ul>
Symptoms	
	<ul> <li>Inability to leave house</li> <li>Palpitations/SOB/intense fear</li> <li>Feels (10) when outside</li> <li>Patient normalising</li> <li>Went to the shops for the (11)</li> </ul>

• Since beginning (12) .....

# Extract 2: Questions 13 – 24

You will hear part of a consultation between a GP and a patient called Mr Martin. For **questions 13 – 24**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have thirty seconds to look at the notes.

## Patient

• Mr Martin

## Background/symptoms

- Stomach pain
- Condition present (13) ..... for years but worse recently
- located across (14) ..... of abdomen radiating towards (15) .....
- Describes pain as not severe
- Like an **(16)** .....
- Pain moves side to side
- Patient suspects (17) ..... problems
- Feels (18) .....as well as pain
- Ongoing problem
- 4 yrs ago diagnosed suspected (19) .....
- Bowel movements variable
- Ongoing problems with (20) ..... but recently stool (21) .....
- Drinks plenty of water
- No diarrhoea
- No presence of (22) ..... in stool
- No black motions

## Medication

- Previously prescribed Colofac
- Manage diet rather than take (23) .....
- Takes OTC (24) ..... capsules which provide relief

## That is the end of Part A. Now look at Part B.

#### Part B

In this part of the test, you'll hear six different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear people talking in a different healthcare setting.

For **questions 25 – 30**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear. You'll have time to read each question before you listen. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at question 25.

**25**. You hear a doctor and a trainee discussing the application of a plaster cast.

What does the trainee need to tell the patient about the cast?

- **D.** The approximate length of time to let the cast dry properly.
- **E.** The temperature of the cast as it begins to harden.
- **F.** The reduction in the fracture after the cast has been applied.
- 26. You hear a manager explaining new data management processes to clinical staff.

What should staff do with their feedback reports?

- **D.** File them on paper and digitally.
- **E.** Copy them onto the new servers.
- **F.** Fill them out digitally to save time.
- 27. You hear a presentation about the introduction of a new type of wound dressing.What is the main advantage of the new wound dressing?
  - **D.** They are ideal for oozing wounds due to high absorbency.
  - E. They are made from naturally bacteria resistant seaweed.
  - **F.** They are somewhat less costly than traditional cloth bandages.

- 28. You hear two hospital managers discussing completion rates for an online course. How will management inform staff who do not attend the meeting about the deadline?
  - **D.** Face to face.
  - E. By email.
  - F. Over the phone.

29. You hear two colleagues discussing an online training course.

What advice does the female nurse give her colleague?

- **D.** Request IT to help reset his password so he can complete the course.
- **E.** Wait until the weekend and complete the course.
- **F.** Advise a manger that he has completed the course.

**30.** You hear an educator describing methods for creating medical abbreviations to nursing trainees.

Why does the speaker think it is important for trainees to understand the different

methods of abbreviating?

- **D.** So they can create new abbreviations using the first letter rule.
- E. So they can easily pronounce medical acronyms accurately.
- F. So they can more efficiently learn commonly used abbreviations.

That is the end of Part B. Now look at Part C.

#### Part C

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear health professionals talking about aspects of their work.

For **questions 31 – 42**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear.. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at extract one.

Extract 1: Questions 31 – 36

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 31 – 36.

**31.** How does Dr Lee describe the movement from traditional care systems to non-visit care?

- **D.** Large pre-existing medical providers will probably dominate the market.
- E. There will be a mixture of reactions from existing and new organisations.
- F. Flexible new organisations will have an advantage over existing ones.

32. According to Dr Lee a non-visit care culture

- **D.** views face to face consultations as a final resort in treatment.
- E. will develop more rapidly in new medical start-ups.
- **F.** requires a blend of responses from medical organisations.
- 33. Dr Lee believes that current technology is
  - **D.** closely matched to users medical needs.
  - E. changing expectations for medical services.
  - **F.** not capable of supporting non-visit care yet.

34. Dr Lee suggests that in person visits

- **D.** ideally occur earlier in the care process.
- **E.** have a negative impact on many patients.
- **F.** should be easy for patients to manage.
- 35. Why does Dr Lee mention specimen collection services?
  - **D.** To highlight the expense of creating offices and labs.
  - **E.** To describe how these services could be provided more efficiently.
  - **F.** To suggest they could be delivered more nimbly with technology.

**36.** What advice does Dr Lee give organisations wanting to move to non-visit care models?

- **D.** Wait for more precise technology before transitioning to remote care.
- **E.** Re-evaluate the safety and quality of non-visit care before making the change.
- **F.** Find transition opportunities by close analysis of each instance of in-person care.

Now look at extract two.

## Extract 2: Questions 37 – 42

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 37 – 42.

37. The research suggests that in the USA

- **D.** supervised injection centres are fundamentally different.
- **E.** supervised injection centres are being successfully integrated.
- **F.** supervised injection centres have the same impact as elsewhere.

38. According to Dr Davidson, the secret facility was

- **D.** based on international evidence and good practice.
- **E.** waiting for legal advocacy in the United States.
- **F.** experiencing the death of too many patients.

**39.** According to Dr Davidson what is the outcome of having staff and drug users in the same room?

- **D.** Patient check in and registration is more efficient.
- **E.** Overdose prevention is the major benefit.
- F. Staff can address many potential health issues.

- 40. What does Davidson suggest users of the centre most appreciate?
  - **D.** the clean and hygienic surfaces.
  - **E.** the private and relaxed space.
  - **F.** they can't get arrested there.
- **41.** Some users of the facility suggested that the facility
  - **D.** needs a far more open space.
  - E. can't combine with other services since it is secret.
  - **F.** would be better as a treatment agency.
- 42. What concern did staff raise about the running of the facility?
  - **D.** That patients might disclose information about the centre.
  - E. Necessary exclusion of psychologically ill patients.
  - **F.** The small number of patients they could help.

#### END OF THE LISTENING TEST

#### LISTENING SUB-TEST – ANSWER KEY

## PART A: QUESTIONS 1 – 12

- 1. panic attacks
- 2. 3/three weeks/3 weeks
- **3.** 20/twenty
- 4. 3/three/three times/3 times
- 5. suppress
- 6. exercise
- 7. headaches
- 8. ear infection
- 9. at night
- 10. sick and dizzy/dizzy and sick
- **11.** first time/1<sup>st</sup> time
- 12. medication

### PART A: QUESTIONS 13 – 24

- 13. off and on/on and off
- 14. upper part
- 15. middle
- 16. irritation
- 17. kidney
- 18. bloated
- 19. irritable bowel syndrome/IBS/irritable bowel
- 20. constipation
- **21.** loose
- 22. blood or slime/slime or blood
- 23. laxatives
- 24. peppermint oil

#### PART B: QUESTIONS 25 - 30

- **25.** B– The temperature of the cast as it begins to harden.
- **26.** A File them on paper and digitally.
- **27.** A They are idea for oozing wounds due to high absorbency.
- **28.** A Face to face.
- **29.** C Advise a manger that he has completed the course.
- **30.** C So they can more efficiently learn commonly used abbreviations.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 31 - 36

- **31.** B There will be a mixture of reactions from existing and new organisations.
- 32. A views face to face consultations as a final resort in treatment.
- **33.** B changing expectations for medical services.
- **34.** C should be easy for patients to manage.
- **35.** B To describe how these services could be provided more efficiently.
- **36.** C Find transition opportunities by close analysis of each instance of in-person care.

#### PART C: QUESTIONS 37 – 42

- **37.** C supervised injection centres have the same impact as elsewhere
- **38.** A based on international evidence and good practice.
- **39.** C Staff can address many potential health issues.
- **40.** B the private and relaxed space.
- **41.** B can't combine with other services since it is secret.
- **42.** B Necessary exclusion of psychologically ill patients.

#### **END OF KEY**

# Practice Test 7.



# **Occupational English Test**

# Listening Test

This test has three parts. In each part you'll hear a number of different extracts. At the start of each extract, you'll hear this sound: --beep---

You'll have time to read the questions before you hear each extract and you'll hear each extract **ONCE ONLY**. Complete your answers as you listen.

At the end of the test you'll have two minutes to check your answers.

# Part A

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, a health professional is talking to a patient.

For **questions 1 – 24,** complete the notes with the information you hear.

Now, look at the notes for extract one.

# Extract 2: Questions 1 – 12

You will hear part of a consultation between a GP and a patient called Mrs Chambers. For **questions 1 - 12**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have thirty seconds to look at the notes.

# Patient

• Mrs Chambers

# **Background/symptoms**

- Presented after heavy bleeding approximately (1) .....ago
- 36 weeks pregnant
- Previous episode at (2) ..... lasted approx. two hours
- Estimated bleed ½ cup
- Current episode (3) ..... hours
- Ongoing (4) ..... and passing clots
- Estimated bleed 1 cup
- Tightness/cramps
- Severe pain in (5) ..... concurrent with bleeding
- Symptoms come and go "like period pain"
- Pregnancy normal to date
- Previous scans found (6) .....
- No further scans scheduled
- 12-week scan showed baby was (7) ..... but fine
- Antenatal clinic visit normal
- Low (8) .....
- Number of previous pregnancies: (9) .....
- Boys, (10) ....., healthy
- Normal delivery
- 4 years ago abdominal myomectomy
- Suffered from (11) ....., body aches, fever
- Emergency (12) ..... found large fibroids

# Extract 2: Questions 13 - 24

You hear part of a consultation between a GP and a patient called Mrs Brownstone. For **questions 13 - 24,** complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

# Patient

### Mrs Brownstone

# Background/Symptoms

- Patient requesting urinalysis
- Recently (13) ....., burning sensation
- Symptoms present approximately **(14)** ..... weeks
- Patient suggests symptoms related to (15) .....
- Describes pain as not severe
- Recurring condition
- Treated for similar symptoms (16) ..... in last (17)
  .....
- Symptoms come and go
- Patient forgets to drink water
- Nocturia (18) ..... more
- Pain, urgency, (19) ..... greater at night
- Antibiotics effective in the past
- (20) ..... urinary incontinence
- No impact from coughing, sneezing
- Successful colposuspension: aged (21) .....

### Medications

- Known allergies: (22) .....
- Amoxil
- (23) .....
- Nitrofurantoine

### **Treatment Plan**

- Short course nitrofurantoine
- Review appointment in (24) .....

# That is the end of Part A. Now look at Part B.

### Part B

In this part of the test, you'll hear six different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear people talking in a different healthcare setting.

For **questions 25 – 30**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear. You'll have time to read each question before you listen. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at question 25.

**25**. You hear a doctor and a nurse reviewing a coma patient.

What is the doctor checking for?

- **A.** The symptoms the patient is exhibiting.
- **B.** The severity of the coma.
- **C.** The range of mobility of the patient.
- **26**. You hear a consultant emergency doctor talking to a patient following an accident.

What is she doing?

- **A.** Explaining why she is removing the neck brace.
- **B.** Clarifying the need for multiple scans and surgery.
- **C.** Outlining the full extent of the patient's injuries.
- **27.** You hear a clinical researcher introducing a professional development workshop.

What is the aim of the workshop?

- **A.** To give participants strategies to gain greater trust from the public.
- **B.** To introduce participants to the basics of mathematical statistics.
- **C.** To lead participants to a deeper critical understanding of research.

**28**. You hear an emergency ward doctor directing her team while treating an accident victim.

What is the doctor most concerned about?

- **A.** The severe injury to the patient's left leg.
- **B.** The possibility of other less apparent injuries.
- **C.** The limited circulation of blood around the injury.
- **29.** You hear a doctor speaking to a woman who has presented with heart palpitations.

What treatment does the patient require?

- A. Intravenous medication.
- **B.** A neck massage.
- **C.** Training in breath control.

**30.** You hear an emergency paramedic talking to an accident and emergency doctor about a patient who has fallen from his motorcycle.

What is the paramedic doing?

- **A.** Confirming what happened to the man in the accident.
- **B.** Summarising the patient's injuries and treatment.
- **C.** Suggesting appropriate pain medication to administer.

That is the end of Part B. Now look at Part C.

### Part C

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear health professionals talking about aspects of their work.

For **questions 31 – 42**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at extract one.

### Extract 1: Questions 31 – 36

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 31 – 36.

- **31.** What is the stated purpose of the talk?
  - **A.** To evaluate if the audience are feeling burnout.
  - **B.** To inform and stimulate discussion about burnout.
  - **C.** To describe new research on treatment of burnout.

32. What did the research from the Mayo Clinic show?

- **A.** In 2011 more than half of US doctors claimed to have burnt out.
- **B.** The large number of doctors with burnout is continuing to rise.
- **C.** Typically one aspect of a doctors work makes them burn out.
- **33.** What is the Anna Capstone's attitude to the problem of burnout?
  - **A.** Most doctors can handle burnout.
  - **B.** Doctors with burnout should retire.
  - **C.** Burnout endangers patients and doctors

34. How does Anna Capstone think the problem of burnout should be addressed?

- **A.** Hospitals should fund wellness programs for burnt out staff.
- **B.** Multiple strategies are needed to keep doctors functioning and healthy.
- **C.** By discouraging doctors from losing empathy and making mistakes.

**35.** How does Anna Capstone evaluate the role of administrative technology and regulations?

- **A.** As a cheap and reliable way of collecting payment.
- **B.** As confusing and stressful for doctors.
- **C.** As something few doctors have really complained about.

36. Anna Capston argues that protecting the well-being of highly trained medical staff

- A. is an ethical issue.
- **B.** isn't part of workplace safety.
- **C.** will require too many resources.

Now look at extract two.

# Extract 2: Questions 37 – 42

You now have 90 seconds to read questions 37 – 42.

- 37. Dr MacGregor believes that
  - **A.** most people will find the healthiest diet quite surprising.
  - **B.** intake of meat, eggs, and dairy is an essential part of a balanced diet.
  - **C.** the public is quite well informed about the ideal foods for a healthy diet.
- 38. What is Dr MacGregor's attitude to dieting?
  - A. More people should go on diets.
  - **B.** Dieting is a lifestyle choice.
  - **C.** Diets are generally ineffective.
- **39.** According to Dr MacGregor, in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century
  - A. the public respected and trusted science to reveal the truth.
  - **B.** smokers clearly understood the risks associated with tobacco use.
  - **C.** the US Surgeon General first reported on the cancer risk from smoking.

- **40.** According to Dr MacGregor the tobacco industry
  - A. gathered a mass of evidence on the dangers of smoking.
  - **B.** used its influence to slow down government responses.
  - **C.** has finally recognised that smoking causes lung cancer.
- 41. The article suggests that the tobacco and food industries share which tactic?
  - **A.** Funding their own research to confuse people.
  - B. Using the motto "doubt is our product".
  - **C.** Denying evidence that their products are bad.

**42.** What do the healthiest and longest living communities in the world have in common?

- **A.** they eat a lot of legumes.
- **B.** they are religious communities.
- **C.** they have a 97% plant-based diet.

### END OF THE LISTENING TEST

### LISTENING SUB-TEST – ANSWER KEY

### PART A: QUESTIONS 1 – 12

- 1. 1 week/one week
- 2. 28 weeks/twenty eight weeks
- 3. 3/three
- 4. spotting
- 5. lower abdomen
- 6. placenta was low/low placenta/placenta low
- 7. small
- 8. down's risk
- **9.** 1/one
- **10.** twins
- **11.** migraines
- 12. MRI

### PART A: QUESTIONS 13 – 24

- 13. going more
- 14. 3 to 4 weeks/3 weeks/3-4 weeks/4 weeks
- **15.** age/old age
- 16.5 times/five times
- 17. 10 years/ten years
- 18. 3 times or more/3 times/three times or more/three times
- 19. pressure
- **20.** no
- **21.** 50
- 22. septrin
- 23. trimethoprim
- 24. 5 days/five days

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### PART B: QUESTIONS 25 - 30

- **25.** A– The symptoms the patient is exhibiting.
- **26.** C Outlining the full extent of the patient's injuries.
- **27.** C To lead participants to a deeper critical understanding of research.
- **28.** B The possibility of other less apparent injuries.
- **29.** A Intravenous medication.
- **30.** B Summarising the patient's injuries and treatment.

### PART C: QUESTIONS 31 - 36

- **31.** B To inform and stimulate discussion about burnout.
- **32.** B The large number of doctors with burnout is continuing to rise.
- **33.** C Burnout endangers patients and doctors.
- **34.** B Multiple strategies are needed to keep doctors functioning and healthy.
- **35.** B As confusing and stressful for doctors.
- **36.** A is an ethical issue.

### PART C: QUESTIONS 37 – 42

- 37. C the public is quite well informed about the ideal foods for a healthy diet
- **38.** C Diets are generally ineffective.
- **39.** A the public respected and trusted science to reveal the truth.
- **40.** B used its influence to slow down government responses.
- **41.** A Funding their own research to confuse people.
- **42.** A they eat a lot of legumes.

### END OF KEY

# Practice Test 8.



# **Occupational English Test**

# Listening Test

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At the end of the test you'll have two minutes to check your answers.

# Part A

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, a health professional is talking to a patient.

For **questions 1 – 24,** complete the notes with the information you hear.

Now, look at the notes for extract one.

# Extract 1: Questions 1 – 12

You hear a GP talking to a patient called Daniel Anderson. For **questions 1 – 12**, complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the notes.

### Patient

**Daniel Anderson** 

### **Presenting symptoms**

- 2 wks/ (1) ..... than usual
- Short of breath
- Cold/sore throat

### **Recent history**

- Last (2) ..... months
- Ongoing condition
- Patient managed condition
- Bad sore throat and (3) .....
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath becoming more (4) .....
- Breathing normal (5) .....
- No history (6) ..... / chest problem
- Non-vegetarian
- Describes diet as (7) .....
- Low fruit and vegetable intake
- Drinks (8) ..... of coffee a day
- Ongoing mild indigestion
- Bowel function- (9) .....

### **Family history**

- No family history (10) .....
- Parents healthy
- (11) ..... no known health problems
- Patient suspects (12) .....

# Extract 2: Questions 13 – 24

You hear a GP talking to a patient called Mrs Wright. For **questions 13 – 24,** complete the notes with a word or short phrase.

You now have thirty seconds to look at the notes.

# Patient

• Mrs Wright

# Background

- Follow up consultation
- Patient has (13) .....
- Initial episode (14) ..... months ago
- Prescribed (15) ..... for 5 days
- Alopurinol
- Recurrence of gout just (16) .....
- Gout originates at bottom of (17) .....
- On the **(18)** ..... foot
- Swelling radiates across toes towards (19) ..... of foot
- Hot an inflamed
- No swelling in **(20)** .....
- Responded well to medication
- Swelling settled within (21) .....
- Ongoing (22) ..... in toe
- Suspected (23) .....
- X-ray clear

# Treatment

- Patient has some concerns
- Patient agrees medication effective
- Clinical decision: (24) ..... with current medications

# That is the end of Part A. Now look at Part B.

### Part B

In this part of the test, you'll hear six different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear people talking in a different healthcare setting.

For **questions 25 – 30**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear. You'll have time to read each question before you listen. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at question 25.

**25**. You hear a nurse in the emergency department discussing the care of a patient with a doctor.

What do the speakers agree to do?

- **A.** Put the patient's arm in a sling.
- **B.** Wait for the patient to calm down.
- **C.** Treat the patient's pain to relax the arm.
- **26**. You hear a trainee doctor discussing a patient diagnosis with a tutor.

What is the diagnosis?

- A. Coeliac disease.
- **B.** Constipation.
- **C.** Bilateral lower abdominal pain.

**27.** You hear a hospital nurse briefing a colleague about a patient recovering from elective surgery.

What does he want his colleague to do?

- **A.** Review post-op information with the patient.
- **B.** Provide pain relief for the patient.
- **C.** Get the patient a medical certificate.

**28**. You hear two hospital managers talking about an information session for people who want to do voluntary work.

What problem do the managers discuss?

- **A.** How difficult it is for participants to get to the event.
- **B.** Technical issues with the event management systems.
- **C.** Finding good quality food and drinks for the event.
- **29.** You hear a pharmacist talking to a doctor about a patient's medication.

What is the pharmacist doing?

- **A.** Reporting side effects.
- **B.** Checking the dosage.
- **C.** Recommending an alternative.
- **30.** You hear a doctor advising a patient about a change in medication.

What condition is the patient being treated for?

- A. Hay fever.
- B. Drowsiness.
- C. Hives.

That is the end of Part B. Now look at Part C.

# Part C

In this part of the test, you'll hear two different extracts. In each extract, you'll hear health professionals talking about aspects of their work.

For **questions 31 – 42**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear.. Complete your answers as you listen.

Now look at extract one.

# Extract 1: Questions 31 – 36

You hear an interview with Dr Cristine Ericson, who's talking about her research supporting non-fasting lipid blood tests for cholesterol.

You now have 90 seconds to read **questions 31 – 36.** 

**31.** What is Dr Cristine Ericson's opinion about fasting before blood tests?

- **A.** It is not supported by scientific evidence
- **B.** It is superior to non-fasting blood tests.
- **C.** It is supported by convention not data.

32. What does Dr Cristine Ericson say about the research on non-fasting blood tests?

- **A.** The majority comes from Copenhagen.
- **B.** More studies should focus on children.
- **C.** It includes data from multiple countries.

**33.** What is Dr Cristine Ericson's opinion on the difference between the results of fasting and non-fasting tests?

- **A.** The small differences are unimportant.
- **B.** There is no difference in the results.
- **C.** There is a small but significant difference.

**34.** Dr Cristine Ericson states that everyone in Copenhagen was happy with the introduction of non-fasting blood tests.

What evidence does she provide to support this claim?

- **A.** Data showing an increase in test attendance.
- **B.** Increased public demand for non-fasting tests.
- **C.** Positive stories from other medical professionals.

**35.** According to Dr Cristine Ericson, why are non-fasting blood tests popular with the public?

- **A.** Because of the strong research evidence in the report.
- **B.** Because of positive publicity in the newspaper and on TV.
- **C.** Because they are more convenient for busy lifestyles.

**36.** Which of the following statements best summarises Dr Cristine Ericson's position on the use of fasting or non-fasting blood tests?

- A. In rare cases fasting before a blood test is necessary.
- **B.** Fasting before a blood test should no longer be recommended.
- **C.** New research is needed on the use of fasting and non-fasting tests.

Now look at extract two.

# Extract 2: Questions 37 – 42

You hear a presentation in which a researcher called Dr Milan Patrecivich is talking about the relationship between new technology and medicine in the future.

You now have 90 seconds to read **questions 37 – 42.** 

37. Dr Patrecivich suggests that in the future medical technology will

- **A.** continue to replace human doctors.
- **B.** give doctors freedom to express core skills.
- **C.** become more accurate and reliable than doctors.

38. According to Dr Patrecivich, how will wearable sensors and smartphones help GPs?

- **A.** They will allow doctors mobility to visit patients in remote locations.
- **B.** They will allow doctors to check if patients are following their advice.
- **C.** They will allow doctors to monitor their patients with real-time data.
- 39. Dr Patrecivich believes that
  - A. radiologists currently spend too much time checking through images.
  - B. technology like IBM's Medical Sieve isn't yet capable of doing a radiologist's job.
  - **C.** radiography algorithms should be designed by professional radiologists..

**40.** According to the talk, both sports medicine and oncology

- **A.** will use technology to make their processes faster and cheaper.
- **B.** will use technology to filter data and individualise therapy.
- **C.** will use technology like Xbox to treat patients from a distance.

**41.** What does Dr Patrecivich suggest about the effect of technology on cancer treatment?

- **A.** Artificial intelligence technology will eventually cure cancer.
- B. Oncologists will keep patients informed using social media..
- **C.** Technology will have a powerful and positive effect on oncology.

42. What is Dr Patrecivich's conclusion about the future of medicine and technology?

- A. Medical technology will give doctors more time and better data to care for patients.
- B. Physicians will have amazing opportunities to develop new medical technologies..
- **C.** Automated and robotic systems will gradually replace humans in medical practice.

# END OF THE LISTENING TEST

### LISTENING SUB-TEST – ANSWER KEY

### PART A: QUESTIONS 1 – 12

- 1. a bit more tired/more tired
- **2.** couple of/two/2
- 3. big glands/glands felt quite big/swollen glands/glands bigger
- 4. noticeable
- 5. at rest
- 6. of asthma
- 7. terrible
- 8. 4 or 5 cups/four or five cups/4 cups/four cups/5 cups/five cups/4-5 cups/4 to 5 cups/four to five cups
- 9. normal/fine
- 10. anaemia/blood disorders
- 11. brother
- 12. related to glandular fever/glandular fever

# PART A: QUESTIONS 13 – 24

- 13. gout
- 14. 2 or 3/two or three/ 2-3/two to tree
- 15. steroids/prednisone/prednisone 30mg
- 16. after Christmas
- 17. second toe
- 18. left
- **19.** the outside/outside
- 20. big toe/the big toe
- **21.** a week/one week/1 week/7 days/seven days
- **22.** pain
- 23. stress fracture
- 24. continue/carry on

### PART B: QUESTIONS 25 - 30

- **25.** C- Treat the patient's pain to relax the arm.
- **26.** B Constipation.
- **27.** C Get the patient a medical certificate.
- **28.** C Finding good quality food and drinks for the event.
- **29.** A Reporting side effects.
- **30.** A Hay fever.

### PART C: QUESTIONS 31 - 36

- **31.** C It is supported by convention not data.
- **32.** C It includes data from multiple countries.
- **33.** A The small differences are unimportant.
- **34.** B Increased public demand for non-fasting tests.
- **35.** C Because they are more convenient for busy lifestyles.
- **36.** B Fasting before a blood test should no longer be recommended.

### PART C: QUESTIONS 37 – 42

- **37.** B give doctors freedom to express core skills.
- **38.** C They will allow doctors to monitor their patients with real-time data.
- **39.** A radiologists currently spend too much time checking through images.
- **40.** B will use technology to filter data and individualise therapy.
- **41.** C Technology will have a powerful and positive effect on oncology.
- 42. A Medical technology will give doctors more time and better data to care for patients.

### **END OF KEY**