

## OET Writing Practice Test - Dentist Sample Case Notes

**Writing Subset:** Dentistry  
**Time Allowed:** Reading Time: 5 minutes  
Writing Time: 40 minutes

Read the case notes and complete the task that follows. Imagine today's date as 05/04/2022.

### **Patient details:**

Name: Emily Johnson  
Age: 28 years old  
Marital status: Married  
Occupation: Teacher

### **Personal History:**

Smokes cigarettes occasionally  
Consumes alcohol on weekends

### **Medical History:**

No previous dental history

### **Family History:**

Mother has a history of gum disease  
Father has a history of tooth decay

### **Presenting Complaints:**

Toothache and sensitivity

April 04, 2023:

Emily Johnson presented with a complaint of toothache and sensitivity in her right upper molar. She reports that the pain is intermittent and worsens with hot and cold food and drinks.

She has been taking over-the-counter pain medication with minimal relief. Upon examination, tooth decay is observed on the right upper molar with a cavity in the center. The surrounding teeth and gums appear healthy. No other abnormalities are noted.

### **Writing Task**

Using the information in the case notes, write a referral letter to Dr. Sarah Lee, a dental specialist, to further manage the patient. Address the letter to: Dr. Sarah Lee, Dental Clinic, 123 Main Street, City Center, United Kingdom

## Answer Key - Sample Letter

Dear Dr. Sarah Lee,

I am writing to refer Emily Johnson, a 28-year-old female patient who presented with a complaint of toothache and sensitivity in her right upper molar. She reports that the pain worsens with hot and cold food and drinks and has been taking over-the-counter pain medication with minimal relief. Upon examination, tooth decay is observed on the right upper molar with a cavity in the center. The surrounding teeth and gums appear healthy.

Emily has no previous dental history but has a family history of gum disease and tooth decay. She smokes cigarettes occasionally and consumes alcohol on weekends.

I am referring Emily to you for further assessment and management of her dental condition. Please find enclosed the case notes and examination findings for your reference.

I appreciate your expertise in this matter and look forward to your recommendations for further treatment.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

**[Dentist]**