

Station Number

AFFIX CANDIDATE
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CANDIDATE No:.....

Instructions for Candidates

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Please assess the cranial nerves in this patient.

Any equipment you may require should be available to you.

Do not test: pin prick sensation, gag reflex, or corneal reflex.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAND YOUR IDENTITY LABEL TO THE
EXAMINER**

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Examination Skills: Cranial Nerves

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Instructions for Patients

Allow the candidate to test specific skills without interruption. Please do not ask them what they are doing – the examiner should be doing this.

This station tests the candidate's ability to perform a specific aspect of physical examination. They have been asked to test the functions of a number of nerves which originate from the brain.

Key Attributes

You have no neurological problems. You cooperate fully with the examination.

Key Dialogue

There should be no dialogue with the candidate, other than answering questions. Your answers should be those that you would normally give, i.e. a role is not required.

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Instructions for Examiners

***REMEMBER TO ASK THE STUDENT FOR THEIR IDENTITY LABEL AND
AFFIX IT TO THE TOP OF THE MARK SHEET.***

This OSCE tests the candidate's ability to competently test the functions of all 12 cranial nerves. It is not expected that the candidate test smell, but it should be asked about.

The candidate has been asked not to test:

- pin prick sensation
- gag reflex
- corneal reflex

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Examiner's Name:

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Marking Sheet

Please circle the appropriate mark for each criterion. The standard expected is that of a psychiatric Senior House Officer.

Criterion	Performed competently	Performed, but not fully competent	Not performed
Approach to the patient – Rapport, empathy, and style ; explains what they are going to do	2	1	0
I – Olfactory • Asks patient for abnormalities of smell.	1	½	0
II – Optic (one point for each, up to a maximum of 4): • Examines visual acuity • Tests visual fields • Fundoscopy • Tests direct and consensual light reflexes.	1 1 1 1	½ ½ ½ ½	0 0 0 0
III, IV, VI • Tests full range of eye movements, pausing at extremities for nystagmus	1	½	0
V – Trigeminal (one point for each, up to a maximum of 2): • Feels strength of masseter – asks patient to open mouth against resistance • Jaw jerk reflex. • Tests sensation over face, bilaterally.	1 1 1	½ ½ ½	0 0 0
VII – Facial (one point for each, up to a maximum of 2): • Asks about taste. • Patient asked to raise eyebrows, scrunch up eyes, smile, and puff out cheeks.	1 1	½ ½	0 0
VIII – Vestibulocochlear: Tests hearing (standing behind patient, using stimulus such as whisper and voice at varying distances)	1	½	0
IX – Glossopharyngeal and Vagus: Asks patient to open mouth and say, “Aaaah”	1	½	0
XI – Accessory: Asks patient to shrug shoulders/ deviate head to left & right against resistance.	1	½	0
XII – Hypoglossal: Asks patient to protrude tongue, and deviate it left and right.	1	½	0
Overall Approach to Task	4	3	2
Score (Max 20)	1	0	0
Overall Grading of station	Clear Pass	Borderline	Clear Fail

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Requirements for this station

The following should be made available for this station:

1. Cotton wool
2. Tongue depressor
3. Pen torch
4. Ophthalmoscope
5. Tendon hammer
6. Snellen C-chart (or similar) on wall