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AFFIX CANDIDATE
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CANDIDATE No:.....

Instructions for Candidates

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Examine the neurological function in this patient's upper limbs.

Do not examine pin prick sensation.

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

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limbs

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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 neurological function of your upper limbs, encompassing sensation, and motor function.

Key Attributes

You have no neurological problems and no symptoms to report. You cooperate fully with the examination.

Key Dialogue

There should be no dialogue with the candidate, other than answering questions. Any 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 neurological function of a patient's upper limbs.

When the candidate tests reflexes, you are to ask the candidate which spinal nerve root is being tested for:

1. Supinator/Brachioradialis (C5-6).
2. Biceps (C5-6).
3. Triceps (C7-8).
4. Fingers (C7-T1).

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asks for pain before moving patient's limb(s) 	2	1	0		
Inspection (one point for each, up to a maximum of 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compares left to right, looking for asymmetry and deformity • Looks for fasciculation and muscle wasting • Tests for pronator drift 	1	½	0		
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Tone – tests bilaterally (one half point for each, up to a maximum of 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fingers • Wrist • Elbow • Shoulder 	1	½	0		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrist • Elbow • Shoulder 	1	½	0		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elbow • Shoulder 	1	½	0		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoulder 	1	½	0		
Power: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assesses power across a single joint at a time • Fingers/ Wrist/ Elbow/ Shoulder 	2	1	0		
Reflexes (½ point for testing, ½ point for nerve root, up to a maximum of 4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supinator/Brachioradialis (C5-6) • Biceps (C5-6) • Triceps (C7-8) • Fingers (C7-T1) 	1	½	0		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biceps (C5-6) • Triceps (C7-8) • Fingers (C7-T1) 	1	½	0		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triceps (C7-8) • Fingers (C7-T1) 	1	½	0		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fingers (C7-T1) 	1	½	0		
Coordination (one point for each, up to a maximum of 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finger-to-nose test • Dysdiadochokinesis 	1	½	0		
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Sensation (one point for each, up to a maximum of 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibration • Proprioception 	1	½	0		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proprioception 	1	½	0		
Overall Approach to Task	4	3	2	1	0
Score (Max 20)	<input style="width: 100px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>				

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. Tendon hammer
3. Tuning fork – 128 Hz
4. Pen & paper