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Instructions for Candidates

Scenario

Alan Bryce is a 32-year-old man who has been admitted with a relapse of schizophrenia.

Instructions

Examine his mental state, and elicit the presence (or absence) of passivity experiences.

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

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Mental State Examination: Passivity

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Instructions for Patients

Answer questions based on the following scenario.

Do not volunteer information unless asked.

This station tests the candidate's ability to take a history from a patient, and examine specific aspects of the mental state.

You are Alan Bryce, a 32-year-old man, admitted with a relapse of schizophrenic illness.

Key Attributes

You are dishevelled in appearance. When interviewed, you are a little hostile and quite guarded. You often have difficulty in understanding exactly what the interviewer is asking.

Key Dialogue

- You have felt that people in the street have been staring at you and talking about you
- This is because they know what you are thinking. You think that they do this with something akin to telepathy, but you are not entirely sure. Perhaps they are using some kind of special device, a bit like a radio, to do this.
- The device works both ways – sometimes you feel that other people can control your thoughts by 'beaming' thoughts into your head. You have been getting headaches recently, and you think that this is caused by these ideas being put into your head.
- You don't think that people can remove your thoughts, but every now and then your mind goes completely blank. You attribute this to 'metacognitising', which is when they try to read your thoughts and beam them in at the same time. You think that they cancel themselves out.
- You don't believe that your emotions can be controlled *per se*, but your upset emotions recently have been due to interference in your brain.
- You don't think that your actions can be controlled, but do think that other people make you do things. You are a little vague about this, and wonder if it's because they put particular thoughts into your head to make you do things.

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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 is a clinical case where the candidate must:

- a) Demonstrate their ability to set the patient at ease
- b) Understand the nature and phenomenology of passivity
- c) Be able to ask clear, relevant questions to elicit such experiences

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Examiner's Name:

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Mental State Examination: Passivity

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	3	1 ½	0		
Passivity of thought (one point for each, up to a maximum of 3):					
• Broadcasting present	1	½	0		
• Insertion present	1	½	0		
• No withdrawal	1	½	0		
Passivity of emotion	2	1	0		
• Probably present, but not exactly clear					
Passivity of volition (2 points for each, up to a maximum of 4):					
• Generally absent	2	1	0		
• No 'made actions'	2	1	0		
Other symptoms (2 points for each, up to a maximum of 4):					
• Neologisms	2	1	0		
• Paranoia	2	1	0		
Overall Approach to Task	4	3	2	1	0

Score (Max 20)

Overall Grading of station

Clear Pass

Borderline

Clear Fail