

## OET Listening Part B

### Format

**Questions:** 6 MCQ - 3

**Typical question:**

25. You hear a GP talking to a patient.

Why does the patient want to record the consultation?

(A) She wants others to benefit from the doctor's advice.

(B) She's afraid that she might miss some important points.

(C) She's been told to keep a record in case of future problems.

Diagram labels: context (points to the question), question stem (points to the question), answer options (points to the three choices).

### Context - Workplace situations:

<p><b>Safety briefing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- hazards</li> <li>- previous accident</li> <li>- reminder</li> </ul>	<p><b>Introducing new protocols /policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- manual handling</li> <li>- smoking</li> <li>- mobile phones</li> <li>- how medication is recorded</li> </ul>	<p><b>Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- dentist</li> <li>- doctor</li> <li>- occupational therapist</li> <li>- ward round</li> </ul>
<p><b>Colleague giving guidelines/instructions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how to use equipment</li> <li>- where facilities are</li> </ul>	<p><b>Feedback session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- manager discussing performance</li> <li>- review of a procedure</li> </ul>	<p><b>Colleagues discussing a patient</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- handover</li> <li>- complaining</li> <li>- asking for advice</li> </ul>

### What do we need to do?

- Try to identify the main idea / gist
- Combine sentences & ideas to make a whole idea

### Main ideas in the audio:

- **Purpose** – Why is the speaker saying this?
- **Advice** – What does the speaker suggest is the right thing to do?
- **Opinion** – What does the speaker think?
- **Actions** – What is the speaker doing?
- **Future** - What will the speaker do? / What does the speaker think will happen?

### What are the difficulties?

- All of the options can seem possible
- The language used in the audio and in the options is quite dry and repetitive:

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- The mechanised lamp requires cleaning
- The clean lamp is mechanized
- Clean the lamp before it is mechanized

So it is important to use language in the answer options to *differentiate*.

- Quite often all of the options are mentioned in one way or another

### General Advice:

- **Use elimination!**
- **Choose the best strategy for you!**
- **Prepare by:**
  - **Watching** TV programs about hospitals – any vocabulary which is new – including phrases – ASK SET English!
  - **Practising** test materials
  - **Practising** professional, medical register – expect to hear what you would hear when you are at work!