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OET Listening – Vocabulary

Starter:

Read the questions below and consider your answer.

You may be asked to answer verbally:

1. If a parent feels **squeamish** during a medical procedure on their child, what would you recommend to them?
2. In your opinion, what change in treatment would **usher in** a more patient-centred age in medicine?
3. If a patient has **spells** of headaches which do not settle down with painkillers taken **as and when**, what would you suggest?

Spelling Test:

1. Fluttering
2. Strenuous
3. Do the trick
4. Circulate
5. Up-to-speed
6. Thorough
7. Run through
8. Soiling
9. Devastating
10. Peers
11. Variation
12. Disparity
13. Straightforward
14. Pitch
15. Encompass
16. Exacerbate

Match the vocabulary with the definitions below:

- a) A difference or contrast. **Variation**
- b) Requiring great effort or energy, often used to describe physical activity. **Strenuous**
- c) To include or contain a wide range of things. **Encompass**
- d) Rapid, shallow movements or vibrations, often referring to heart palpitations. **Fluttering**
- e) Clear and simple, easy to understand or accomplish. **Straightforward**
- f) To present or promote an idea, product, or plan. **Pitch**
- g) Staining or dirtying something, often referring to bodily fluids. **Soiling**
- h) Extremely destructive or damaging. **Devastating**
- i) Fully informed or knowledgeable about a subject or situation. **Up-to-speed**
- j) To successfully accomplish a task or solve a problem. **Do the trick**
- k) Complete and detailed in examination or investigation. **Thorough**
- l) To quickly review or rehearse something. **Run through**
- m) To make a problem, situation, or condition worse. **Exacerbate**
- n) Individuals of the same age, status, or ability. **Peers**
- o) To distribute written communication to a group of people. **Circulate**
- p) A difference or inequality, especially in age, rank, wages, or working conditions. **Disparity**

Now put the vocabulary from the Spelling Test into the correct sentence:

- 1. Drinking plenty of water can _____ to alleviate dehydration symptoms.
- 2. The patient complained of heart _____ as a side effect of the medication.
- 3. There is a wide _____ in the severity of symptoms among patients with the same condition.
- 4. A lack of sleep can _____ the symptoms of chronic fatigue syndrome.
- 5. The doctor conducted a _____ examination to diagnose the patient's condition.
- 6. _____ of medical equipment can lead to contamination and infection.
- 7. After attending the course, she was _____ on the latest treatment protocols.
- 8. The results of the test were _____ for the patient's prognosis.
- 9. Let's quickly _____ the emergency procedures before the simulation begins.
- 10. The pharmaceutical company representative visited the hospital to _____ their new medication to the medical staff.
- 11. Performing _____ physical exercises can strain the body and lead to injury.
- 12. Medical professionals often consult with their _____ to seek advice and support.
- 13. The HR department will _____ a memo tomorrow morning regarding the upcoming changes to the employee benefits programme.
- 14. The procedure is _____ and can be easily performed in a clinical setting.
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- 16. The article discussed the _____ in access to healthcare services between rural and urban communities.

Answers:

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