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JOHANNESBURG OFFICE EXAMINATIONS & CREDENTIALS

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Score	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	SCORE /15		
INTERPRETATION OF HISTORY AND EXAMINATION FINDINGS/ DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS	Several important deficiencies. Does not mention commonest diagnoses and is unable to interpret findings	Some important deficiencies Is unable to interpret commonest diagnoses interprets findings incorrectly or with difficulty	Some minor deficiencies Can interpret findings but may be incomplete OR differential is incomplete OR commonest situations left out	No significant deficiencies, thorough and comprehensive. Able to interpret findings coherently and come up with likely differentials	No deficiencies, thorough and comprehensive. Able to interpret findings coherently and come up with likely differentials. High level of insight		X0.5	
APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR ASSESSMENT AND STAGING	Several important deficiencies.	Some important deficiencies	Some minor deficiencies	No significant deficiencies, thorough, comprehensive	No deficiencies, thorough, comprehensive. High level of insight regarding resource-appropriate investigation		X0.5	

RATIONALE FOR TREATMENT SELECTION / BENEFIT VS RISK OF INTERVENTION	Several important deficiencies.	Some important deficiencies	Some minor deficiencies	No significant deficiencies, thorough, comprehensive	No deficiencies, thorough, comprehensive. High level of insight regarding resource-appropriate treatment		X1	
RADIOTHERAPY	Inappropriate RT dose/ technique Dose exceeds critical organ tolerance Several important deficiencies	RT dose/ technique inappropriate Incorrect intent Some important deficiencies in application	Appropriate RT dose & technique Some minor deficiencies in knowledge or application	Appropriate RT dose & technique No significant deficiencies in knowledge or application	No deficiencies in application Able to discuss different treatment options and shows insight into situations where each may be appropriate Substantiates answers with appropriate literature		x2	
CHEMOTHERAPY/ TARGETED THERAPY/ IMMUNOTHERAPY/ TOXICITIES	Poor knowledge with inappropriate or unsafe regimens and doses Several important deficiencies	Very superficial knowledge with inappropriate regime and/or dose Some important deficiencies	Reasonable knowledge and appropriate regime/ dose Some minor deficiencies	Good knowledge and appropriate regime/ dose No significant deficiencies, thorough, comprehensive approach	No deficiencies in application Able to discuss different treatment options and shows insight into situations where each may be appropriate Substantiates answers with appropriate literature		X2	

SUPPORTIVE AND/OR PALLIATIVE CARE	Poor knowledge of follow-up schedules, management of treatment related toxicities or palliative care	Some important deficiencies in knowledge of follow-up schedules, management of treatment related toxicities or palliative care	Fair to good knowledge of follow-up schedules, management of treatment related toxicities or palliative care, but applied with limited insight	Good knowledge of follow-up schedules, management of treatment related toxicities or palliative care, and applied with good insight	Higher than expected level of knowledge of follow-up schedules, management of treatment related toxicities or palliative care, applied with excellent insight and empathy.		X1	
OVERALL IMPRESSION	-Unsystematic approach -Failed to give answers despite prompting -Poor understanding -Poor insight	-Unsystematic approach -Needed to be prompted frequently to give answer -Superficial understanding -Poor insight	-Systematic approach -Gave correct answers with prompting -Good understanding but superficial -Fair insight	-Systematic approach -Gave correct answers with minimal prompting -In depth understanding -Good insight	-Systematic approach -Gave correct answers promptly -In depth understanding -Excellent insight -Substantiates answers with examples and literature		X1	
TOTAL							/120	X100 for %

