

Qualifying Examination (QE) Sample Items

The QE consists of 240 items. The items include multiple choice items, multiple choice items with image(s) and scenario-based items. Each item has a single best answer response. Below are sample items.

Multiple Choice Item

Which is an indication for placement of a lower lingual holding arch to maintain leeway space in the mixed dentition?

- A. Incisor crowding less than or equal to 4mm
- B. Incisor crowding more than or equal to 4mm
- C. Midline discrepancy less than or equal to 4mm
- D. Midline discrepancy more than or equal to 4mm

Item with Image



Which initial conservative treatment is indicated to enhance esthetics for tooth 8?

- A: Fluoride varnish
- B: Ozone therapy
- C: Porcelain veneer
- D: Resin infiltration

Scenario-based Item

PATIENT: 14-year-old

CHIEF COMPLAINT: "I'm here for my check-up."

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- Has not been to the dentist in over a year
- Brushes once daily and rarely flosses
- On high school basketball team
- High socioeconomic status
- Parent smokes at home

CURRENT FINDINGS: Poor oral hygiene

Which factor contributes most to this patient beginning to use tobacco?

- A: High socioeconomic status
- B: Oral hygiene status
- C: Involvement in team sports
- D: Tobacco use of parent

PATIENT: 6-year-old

CHIEF COMPLAINT: "He had some type of reaction to his treatment from yesterday afternoon."-parent

BACKGROUND/HISTORY: Tooth #K restored yesterday

CURRENT FINDINGS: Patient presents with lesion as shown



Which would be the most appropriate treatment for the pictured lesion?

- A: Incision and drainage
- B: Palliative treatment
- C: Systemic antibiotic
- D: Wound debridement