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