The Psychogeriatric Assessment Scales

Subject Interview

Identification Information

1. Subject’s name or ID: .........................................................
2. Date of interview: ..............................................................
3. Interviewer’s name or ID: ...................................................
4. Sex of subject (circle): ..................................................... Male  Female

I am going to ask you some questions about your medical history and how you are managing.

In this interview, everybody is asked the same questions, so please bear with me if any of them seem odd or inappropriate.

Everything we discuss is confidential.

Let us begin with a few general questions.
Cognitive Impairment Scale

Now let me ask you a few questions to check your concentration and your memory. Most of them will be easy.

I am going to name three objects. After I have said them I want you to repeat them. Remember what they are, because I am going to ask you to name them again in a few minutes.

“Apple” “Table” “Penny”

Could you repeat the three items for me?

Repeat objects until all three are learned. Stop after five unsuccessful attempts.

C1. I am going to give you a piece of paper. Would you please write any complete sentence on that piece of paper for me?
   If sentence is illegible, ask “Could you read it for me?”, and copy sentence onto sheet.
   Sentence should have a subject and a verb, and make sense.
   Spelling and grammatical errors are acceptable.
   Correct .................................................................
   Incorrect or refusal ................................................
   Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

C2. Now what were the three objects I asked you to remember?
   Score 0 for each object remembered, 1 if an error is made because object is not mentioned or subject refuses. Order of recall is not important.
   Apple ............................................................................
   Object not mentioned or subject refuses .................
   Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

   Table ............................................................................
   Object not mentioned or subject refuses .................
   Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

   Penny ............................................................................
   Object not mentioned or subject refuses .................
   Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............
Please listen carefully to the following name and address, then repeat it:

John Brown, 42 West Street, Kensington.

Repeat address until learned. Stop after five unsuccessful attempts.

Please go on remembering this name and address and I will ask you about it later.

C3. I am now going to say the names of some people who were famous and I would like you to tell me who they were or why they were famous in the past.

Score 0 for each person correctly identified, 1 if answer is incorrect or subject refuses.

Charlie Chaplin ............................................................ (actor, comedian, film star, comic)
Incorrectly identified or refused.................................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

Joseph Stalin .............................................................. (Soviet, Russian, WWII leader, Communist leader)
Incorrectly identified or refused.................................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

Captain Cook .............................................................. (explorer, sailor, navigator, discoverer)
Incorrectly identified or refused.................................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

Adolf Hitler ............................................................... (German, Nazi, WWII leader)
Incorrectly identified or refused.................................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

C4. New Year’s day falls on what date?
First of January/first day of new year .........................
A wrong date, does not know, refusal .........................
Not asked ......................................................................
C5. What is the name and address I asked you to remember a short time ago?

Score 0 for each component remembered, 1 if a component is not mentioned or subject refuses. Order of recall is not important.

John ................................................................................ ...........................................
Component not mentioned or subject refuses ................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

Brown ................................................................................ ...........................................
Component not mentioned or subject refuses ................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

42................................................................................ ...........................................
Component not mentioned or subject refuses ................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

West Street ........................................................................ ...........................................
Component not mentioned or subject refuses ................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

Kensington ........................................................................ ...........................................
Component not mentioned or subject refuses ................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

C6. Here is a drawing. Please make a copy of it here.

Hand subject the paper with 2 five-sided figures and point to the space underneath it.

Correct if 2 five-sided figures intersect to make a four-sided figure.

Correct ........................................................................................................
Incorrect or refusal ..................................................................................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............
C7. Read aloud the words on this page and then do what it says.

Hand subject the sheet with the words “close your eyes”.

Correct (subject closes eyes) ..............................................
Incorrect or refusal ...........................................................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

C8. Now, read aloud the words on this page and then do what it says.

Hand subject the sheet with the words “cough hard”.

Correct (subject coughs) ................................................
Incorrect or refusal ...........................................................
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

C9. Tell me what objects you see in this picture?

Hand the four-object sheet to the subject.

Score 0 for each object identified, 1 if an object is not mentioned or subject refuses. Order of identification is not important.

Teapot, kettle .................................................................
Object not mentioned or subject refuses ..............
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

Telephone (whole object, not just dial) ......................
Object not mentioned or subject refuses ..............
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

Scissors .................................................................
Object not mentioned or subject refuses ..............
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

Fork .................................................................
Object not mentioned or subject refuses ..............
Not asked (e.g. sensory or motor impairment) ..............

That brings us to the end of the interview. Thank you very much for your time.
Now calculate PAS Cognitive Impairment Score (C)

Add response boxes for C1 to C9 ...

Number of boxes with ?’s ...........

If ? is not zero, score should be pro-rated using formula:

\[ \frac{21 \times C}{21 - ?} \]
Close your eyes
Cough hard