

JDT Section A

Choose one box (3,2,1) from each component (one or more factors in the box is sufficient to receive the allocation). Place each rating in the rating column. Then add the rating scores to give an overall JDT dependency score.

Component	3	2	1	Rating
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Complete impairment due to either loss of one or more senses ◆ Pain being at the higher range of the visual analogue scale ◆ Unresponsive ◆ Language barrier ◆ Extensive behavioural problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Impairment or potential for impairment of one or more senses ◆ Pain at the mid range of the visual analogue scale ◆ Responding only to verbal/pain stimulation ◆ Difficulty due to language barrier ◆ Anxious/tearful/distressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Able to communicate through all senses ◆ Pain at the lower range of the visual analogue scale ◆ Alert ◆ No language barrier ◆ Co-operative/relaxed. 	
ABC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest (or risk of arrest) ◆ Complete impairment of ABC or Shock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Risk of impairment to airway breathing or circulation (potential for shock due to condition) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No ABC problems ◆ Minor wounds 	
Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Total immobility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Partial mobility loss ◆ Patient requires trolley/wheelchair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fully mobile ◆ Minor limb problem 	
Eating, drinking, elimination and personal care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Total loss of bowel/bladder function and/or hyperemesis ◆ Total loss of independent self care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Partial loss of bowel/bladder function and/or vomiting ◆ Partial loss of independent self care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Normal bowel/bladder control. No vomiting ◆ Able to maintain independent self care 	
Environmental safety, health and social needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Demonstrates danger to self or others. ◆ Appears to require extensive social support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Appears unable to fully understand risks ◆ Appears to require some social support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Shows total ability to fully understand risks ◆ Does not appear to require social support 	
Triage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Red or Orange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Yellow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Green or Blue 	

	Total JDT rating =	
6 – 7 = Low dependency Overall score = 0 8 – 12 = Moderate dependency Overall score = 1 13 – 15 = High dependency Overall score = 2 16 - 18 = Total dependency Overall score = 3	Dependency score =	

Glossary of terms

Complete impairment = complete loss Impairment = some degree of loss

Senses = anyone of the five especially sight, hearing, touch

Language barrier = inability to speak or because of different language to nurse

Behavioural problems = psychological or drug related

Total loss = total inability to control own functions (may be ongoing)

Social support = co-ordination of - relatives/environment/service provision

Shock = hypovolaemic, cardiogenic, obstructive, distributive requiring immediate intervention

Partial mobility loss = Has some ability to move limbs but may require help with sitting/standing