

EXAMINATION OF ORAL PERIPHERAL MECHANISM

Name: _____ Date: _____ Examiner: _____

1. Facial Appearance _____

2. Lips

Appearance _____

Habitual posture: Closed Parted _____

Mobility: Press Purse Retracts _____

3. Jaw Mobility Sufficient _____ Insufficient _____ Excessive _____

4. Tongue

Appearance at rest: _____

Size Appropriate Too large Too small

Protrusion Tremors Deviation

Mobility: Elevation Lateralization Licks lip with tongue Lingual Frenum

Moves independently with jaw Sweeps palate from alveolar ridge

5. Palate Appearance of hard palate _____ Length of soft palate _____

Mobility _____ Gag Reflex _____

Closure evidently complete _____

Uvula: _____ Length _____ Mobility _____ Bifid _____

6. Diadochokineses

Papapa – (avg. = 3-5 ½) _____

kakaka – (avg. = 3 ½ - 5 ½) _____

Tatata – (avg. = 3-5 ½) _____

putuku – (avg. = 1-1 ¾) _____

(Below=less than 1 per sec.) _____

(Above=more than 1 per sec.) _____ (See instructions for assessment of diadochokinetic rate.)

7. Tongue Thrust

Does s/he swallow with teeth apart? Yes No

Can you see the tongue when s/he swallows? Yes No

If s/he swallows with the lips closed, can you see tensing of the chin? Yes No

8. Dental observations

Spacing _____ Missing teeth _____

Alignment: normal _____ misaligned _____ spaced _____

Condition: good _____ slight decay _____ moderate decay _____ excessive decay _____

Occlusion : normal _____ overjett _____ edge to edge _____ crossbite _____

9. Breathing

Mouth breather? Yes No

Other deviations noted: _____

Comments _____
