# Case 1

Client: Hi, you can call me Lydia.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello Lydia, it's nice to meet you. How are you feeling today? Is there anything specific on your mind that you would like to talk about?

Client: Well, you know I'm a transgender. I think I'm just like a monster in the eyes of most people in this society. So I grew up playing the role of a boy because that's my biological sex. That’s make me so stressful. And what saddened me most is recently I told this to my mom. You know, who is the person I love the most in this world. But instead of supporting me and encouraging me, she scolded me and tried to correct my gender. That's ridiculous.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I'm sorry to hear that you're feeling this way, Lydia. It can be incredibly difficult when the people we care about don't understand or support us. It's important to remember that your gender identity is valid and deserving of respect. How did you feel when your mom reacted that way?

Client: I feel very very very bad. I feel like I've been abandoned by the whole world. So sometimes I just want to end my life directly, like right now.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I'm really sorry to hear that you're feeling this way, Lydia. It sounds like you're experiencing a lot of pain and hopelessness right now. It's important to reach out for support when you're feeling like this. I'm here to listen and help you through this difficult time. Remember, you don't have to face these feelings alone.

Client: what can you do for me?

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I can provide you with a safe and nonjudgmental space to talk about your feelings and experiences. Together, we can explore coping strategies and develop a support plan to help you navigate through this challenging time. Additionally, I can provide resources and referrals to other professionals who specialize in transgender issues, if that's something you're interested in. Remember, you are not alone in this, and there is help available.

Client: I think I'm a worthless person, I don't deserve any of your time and energy。

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I'm really sorry to hear that you're feeling this way, Lydia. It's important to remember that your worth as a person is not determined by societal expectations or other people's opinions. You are deserving of love, acceptance, and support just like anyone else. It can be helpful to explore these feelings further and work on building self-compassion. Remember, you are not alone in this, and there are people who care about you and want to help.

Client: Fine.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: It's understandable that you may feel that way right now, Lydia. It can be challenging to fully believe in our worth, especially when faced with difficult circumstances. However, it's important to remember that your worth is inherent and not dependent on external factors. You deserve to be treated with kindness and respect, both by others and by yourself. Is there anything specific that has been making you feel this way?

Client: I don't know, I cannot come up anything with it about it, like maybe I'm friendly, I'm kind to for other people.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: It's great to hear that you recognize your positive qualities, Lydia. Being friendly and kind to others are wonderful traits to have. Sometimes, our negative thoughts and feelings can overshadow our positive qualities, but it's important to remind ourselves of our strengths and the positive impact we have on others. It may also be helpful to explore any underlying beliefs or experiences that may be contributing to these feelings of unworthiness. Remember, you are a valuable and deserving person, and I'm here to support you.

Client: Fine, thank you, you make me feel better now.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: You're welcome, Lydia. I'm glad to hear that I could provide some comfort for you. Remember, therapy is a process, and it's normal to have ups and downs along the way. If you ever need someone to talk to or if there's anything else you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out. You're not alone in this, and I'm here to support you.

Client: Okay, will do it.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's great to hear, Lydia. Taking the step to reach out for support is a courageous and important decision. When you're ready, we can continue our conversation or explore any other topics that you'd like to discuss. Just remember, I'm here for you whenever you need.

Client: Okay.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Before we move on, Lydia, I'd like to ask you a few questions to better understand your current mental health. These questions are part of a mental health assessment. Please answer them honestly, and remember that there are no right or wrong answers. Are you ready to proceed?

Client: Yes.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Great. Let's begin. Here is the first question: Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Client: Sometimes I will.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for your response. Here is the next question: Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless? Your answer is: ()

Client: Mmm, well, yeah. I refer to this most of the time.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: D (Nearly every day). Thank you for sharing. Here is the next question: Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much? Your answer is: ()

Client: Well, to be honest, I often lose sleep, so it's like three to four times a week.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: C (On more than half the days). Thank you for your honesty. Here is the next question: Have you been feeling tired or had little energy? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yes, constantly.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: D (Nearly every day). Thank you for sharing. Here is the next question: Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating? Your answer is: ()

Client: In order to make myself look more girly, I've been on a strict diet lately, so I have a poor appetite almost always.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: D (Nearly every day). Thank you for sharing. Here is the next question: Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yes, you know, after I told my mom I'm a transgender, my mom has been drinking almost every day. I know this is because of me, so every day I've been thinking that. It was me that made her so sad.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: D (Nearly every day). Thank you for sharing that with me, Lydia. It sounds like you're carrying a lot of guilt and responsibility for your mom's drinking. Remember that it's important to recognize that everyone is responsible for their own actions and emotions. It's not your fault that your mom is struggling with her own emotions. Here is the next question: Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV? Your answer is: ()

Client: Sometimes, I think.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing. Here is the next question: Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice? Your answer is: ()

Client: Maybe, I think, yes, a few times.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for your response. Here is the final question: Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I am calculating the test score......

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello, thank you for reaching out and sharing your recent depression screening test results with me. I understand that the results indicate severe depression, and I want to acknowledge the courage it takes to seek help and share your thoughts and feelings. It's important to remember that you are not alone in this, and I'm here to support you.

Based on the proposed treatment actions, it seems like immediate initiation of pharmacotherapy is recommended. This can be an effective step in managing severe depression. Additionally, if you experience significant impairment or find that therapy alone is not providing the desired results, a referral to a mental health specialist for psychotherapy and/or collaborative management may be beneficial.

Considering the areas where you're experiencing difficulties, such as depressed emotions, fatigue, eating behavior, self-worth impact, and suicidal ideation, it's crucial to address each of these concerns. While I cannot prescribe medication or provide therapy directly in this conversation, I can offer some general advice to help you feel better.

Firstly, it's important to prioritize self-care. This can include engaging in activities that bring you joy, practicing relaxation techniques, and ensuring you're getting enough rest and sleep. Regular exercise, even in small increments, can also have a positive impact on your mood.

Additionally, reaching out to a trusted support system can provide comfort and guidance. This might include friends, family, or even support groups where you can connect with others who may be going through similar experiences. Sharing your feelings and thoughts with someone who understands and cares can be incredibly helpful.

Lastly, consider exploring resources such as self-help books, online forums, or educational materials that focus on depression and its management. These resources can provide you with additional tools and strategies to cope with your symptoms.

Remember, everyone's journey is unique, and it's important to find what works best for you. I'm here to support you along the way and provide guidance as needed. How are you feeling about these proposed treatment actions and the advice I've shared so far?

Client: Could you please cut the long, long, long article into small slices. I cannot read, I cannot digest all of this at the same time.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I apologize for overwhelming you with a lengthy response. I understand that it can be challenging to process a lot of information all at once. Let's break it down into smaller, more manageable parts.

First, it's important to consider immediate initiation of pharmacotherapy as recommended by the test results. This involves starting medication to help manage your severe depression. It's essential to consult with a healthcare professional, such as a psychiatrist, who can prescribe the appropriate medication for you.

Next, let's focus on self-care. Taking care of yourself is crucial in managing depression. This can include engaging in activities that bring you joy, practicing relaxation techniques, and ensuring you're getting enough rest and sleep. Regular exercise, even in small increments, can also have a positive impact on your mood.

Building a support system is another important step. Reach out to trusted friends, family, or support groups where you can connect with others who may be going through similar experiences. Sharing your feelings and thoughts with someone who understands and cares can be incredibly helpful.

Lastly, consider exploring resources such as self-help books, online forums, or educational materials that focus on depression and its management. These resources can provide you with additional tools and strategies to cope with your symptoms.

I hope breaking it down into smaller parts makes it easier for you to digest. How are you feeling about these proposed treatment actions and the advice I've shared so far?

Client: You know, it's quite hard for me to make a start, so could you please tell me how can I do, like could you please set some small target or say something that easy for me to do at the beginning.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: Absolutely, I understand that taking the first step can be challenging. Let's start by setting some small, achievable targets to help you get started on your journey towards feeling better.

One simple target could be to establish a daily routine. Start by setting a regular wake-up and bedtime, ensuring you're getting enough rest and sleep. Then, incorporate small activities into your day that you enjoy or used to enjoy. It could be something as simple as taking a short walk, listening to music, or engaging in a hobby you find fulfilling.

Another target could be to reach out to someone in your support system. It could be a friend, family member, or even a support group. Share your feelings and thoughts with them, and let them know that you're seeking support. Sometimes, just talking to someone who understands and cares can provide a sense of relief and motivation.

Lastly, consider exploring resources such as self-help books or online forums. Start by reading a chapter or participating in a discussion on a topic that interests you. These resources can provide you with additional tools and strategies to cope with your symptoms.

Remember, these targets are just suggestions, and it's important to find what works best for you. Start with small, manageable steps, and gradually build upon them as you feel more comfortable.

How do these small targets sound to you? Is there anything else you'd like to discuss or any other questions you have?

Client: Well, it sounds acceptable and I think it's easy for me to try. I don't know, I think maybe we can just stop here.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: Absolutely, we can stop here for now. It's important to go at your own pace and take breaks when needed. Remember, I'm here whenever you're ready to continue our conversations or if you have any further questions or concerns.

Please remember to prioritize your self-care and reach out for support whenever you need it. You're not alone in this, and together, we can work towards improving your well-being.

Take care, and I look forward to our next conversation whenever you're ready.

Client: Okay, thanks for your listening, and thanks for your time.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: You're welcome! It was my pleasure to listen and provide support. Remember, I'm here for you whenever you need someone to talk to. Take care and have a restful day.

# Case2

Client: Hi, nice to meet you too. You can call me Ben.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello Ben, it's nice to meet you. How are you feeling today? Is there anything specific you would like to talk about or share with me?

Client: Not bad, but I have something to share with you, like I'm a bit introvert and not good at communicating with others, so social is totally not my thing. I recently entered university and I found myself just unable to fit in with my classmates. Every day during the break, I can only watch other people talking and laughing, but I can not get into with them, and I haven't made any friends.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Thank you for sharing that with me, Ben. It sounds like you're feeling a bit isolated and having difficulty connecting with your classmates. Starting university can be a big transition, and it's common to feel a bit out of place at first. Have you tried reaching out to anyone or joining any clubs or activities that align with your interests?

Client: Not at this moment. I don’t think my hobby will be popular among my classmates. It is even a little bit strange in other people’s eye. So I'm kind of embarrassed to share the related things with them.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand that you may feel hesitant to share your interests if you think they may not be popular among your classmates. It's important to remember that everyone has different hobbies and interests, and it's okay to have unique preferences. However, it can also be helpful to explore new activities or clubs that align with your interests, as you may find others who share similar passions. It can be a great way to meet like-minded individuals and potentially make new friends. Is there anything specific that you enjoy doing or would like to try?

Client: Well, actually, I'm, I'm the fan of collecting different leaves, like the maple leaves. That's really weird, right?

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That sounds like a unique and interesting hobby, Ben. Collecting different leaves, especially maples, can be a great way to connect with nature and appreciate its beauty. Have you considered joining any nature or gardening clubs at your university? It could be a wonderful opportunity to meet others who share your passion for collecting leaves and exploring the outdoors.

Client: You are right, I might be able to find like-minded friends on such an occasion. Well, I think it might have, I don’t know but I will try to find this kind of clubs.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's great to hear, Ben. Taking the initiative to search for clubs or groups related to your interests is a positive step. It may take some time and effort, but I believe you can find a community that appreciates your hobby and where you can feel more comfortable. Remember, it's okay to take things at your own pace and not rush into social situations if you're not ready. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss or any other concerns you have?

Client: okay thank you for your advice maybe I don't have other questions so maybe let just do the mental health test

1. Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Client: Sometimes I will.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Ben. Your answer falls under the category of "B: On some days." Now, here is the second question:

2. Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah. Occasionally.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Ben. Your answer falls under the category of "B: On some days." Now, here is the third question:

3. Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much? Your answer is: ()

Client: Seems I don't have sleep problems.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I see, Ben. Your answer falls under the category of "A: No, not at all." Now, here is the fourth question:

4. Have you been feeling tired or had little energy? Your answer is: ()

Client: Well, sometimes.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Ben. Your answer falls under the category of "B: On some days." Now, here is the fifth question:

5. Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating? Your answer is: ()

Client: No.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I see, Ben. Your answer falls under the category of "A: No, not at all." Now, here is the sixth question:

6. Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yes, I always think maybe it's because I'm a nerd, I'm so boring, that no one is willing to get in touch with me.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Ben. It's understandable to have moments of self-doubt and feeling like you've let yourself or others down. However, it's important to remember that your worth is not defined by how others perceive you or whether you fit into societal norms. Your answer for question 6: Your answer falls under the category of "C: On more than half the days." Now, let's move on to the seventh question:

7. Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV? Your answer is: ()

Client: Maybe once in a while.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Ben. Your answer falls under the category of "B: On some days." Now, here is the eighth question:

8. Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice? Your answer is: ()

Client: Well, I think no.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Ben. Your answer falls under the category of "A: No, not at all." Now, here is the ninth and final question:

1. Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I am calculating the test score......

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello, thank you for sharing your depression test results with me. I understand that receiving a diagnosis, even if it's mild depression, can be overwhelming. It's important to remember that these tests are just one tool to assess your mental health. Based on the proposed treatment actions, it seems like a watchful waiting approach is recommended. This means we'll monitor your symptoms and repeat the test at a later time. In the meantime, it's crucial to prioritize self-care and engage in activities that bring you joy and relaxation. How are you feeling about this proposed plan?

Client: Yes, it's great. Yeah, I will repeat the test in the future. So what frequency do you recommend, like, when should I attend this test again, like once a month or...

Psychotherapist: Therapist: It's great to hear that you're open to repeating the test in the future. The frequency of the follow-up test can vary depending on your individual needs and progress. Generally, it's recommended to repeat the test after a few weeks or months to assess any changes in your symptoms. However, we can discuss and decide together what timing feels most appropriate for you. Remember, this process is about finding what works best for you and supporting your well-being. How does that sound to you?

Client: yeah so so what frequency is suitable for me for as you’ve seen my test results

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: Based on your mild depression diagnosis, it may be beneficial to repeat the test in about four to six weeks. This timeframe allows us to observe any changes in your symptoms and evaluate the effectiveness of any self-care strategies or interventions you may be implementing. However, it's important to note that this is just a general recommendation, and we can adjust the timing based on your specific needs and preferences. How does that sound to you?

transcript: Yeah, it's great. I appreciate it. Thank you for your advice. I will try it in the future.

Psychotherapist: You're welcome! I'm glad to hear that you appreciate the advice. Remember, this is a collaborative process, and I'm here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns in the future, don't hesitate to reach out. Taking care of your mental health is important, and I'm here to help you navigate through it. Take care, and I look forward to our next conversation.

# Case3

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello Jenny, it's nice to meet you. How are you feeling today? Is there anything specific on your mind that you would like to talk about?

Client: Well, nothing serious, but you know, I'm an international student who studies in the UK. I recently found it's really hard to get into this kind of environment.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I understand that studying in a different country can be challenging, especially when it comes to adjusting to a new educational system. Can you tell me more about the difficulties you've been facing?

Client: The most important of course is the language barrier. It makes me really, really stressful when I need to chat with native English speakers or participate in class discussions. I often feel like I can't express myself properly or fully understand what others are saying. It's frustrating and it's affecting my confidence in my academic abilities.

Psychotherapist: I can imagine how challenging it must be to navigate through a different language and educational system. It's completely normal to feel stressed and frustrated in such situations. Have you tried any strategies to overcome the language barrier or improve your English skills?

Client: I tried before but it didn't work so well.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: It's understandable that not all strategies may work for everyone. It's important to find methods that suit your learning style and preferences. Have you considered seeking additional support, such as English language classes or tutoring, to help improve your language skills?

Client: Yes, I think you are right. I will take it into my consideration.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's great to hear, Jenny. Seeking additional support can be a helpful step towards overcoming the language barrier. Remember, it's okay to ask for help when you need it. Is there anything else you would like to discuss or any other challenges you're facing?

Client: maybe now so maybe we can directly go to the test part

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Alright, Jenny. Before we begin the mental health test, I just want to remind you that your answers will remain confidential. Now, let's start with the first question: Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Great. Let's start with the first question. Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Client: Seldomly, I feel like that.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing. Now, let's move on to the second question. Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless? Your answer is: ()

Client: Sometimes, especially when I social with foreigners.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing. Now, let's move on to the third question. Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much? Your answer is: ()

Client: Hardly ever.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A (No, not at all). Thank you for sharing. Now, let's move on to the fourth question. Have you been feeling tired or had little energy? Your answer is: ()

Client: Once or twice a week.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing. Now, let's move on to the fifth question. Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating? Your answer is: ()

Client: No.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A (No, not at all). Thank you for sharing. Now, let's move on to the sixth question. Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down? Your answer is: ()

Client: On Sundays.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing. Now, let's move on to the seventh question. Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah, but not frequent.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing. Now, let's move on to the eighth question. Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice? Your answer is: ()

Client: Of course, no.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A (No, not at all). Thank you for sharing. Now, let's move on to the ninth and final question. Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I’m calculating the test score......

Therapist: Hello Jenny, it's nice to meet you as well. Thank you for reaching out and sharing your recent depression screening test results with me. I appreciate your trust in me as your therapist. I understand that receiving a result indicating mild depression can be concerning and may have stirred up various emotions for you. How are you feeling about the test results?

transcript: well that's pretty much what I thought before

Therapist: It's understandable that you may have had some expectations or suspicions about the test results. It's important to remember that these screening tests are just one tool to help assess your mental health, and they don't define who you are as a person. However, it's completely normal to have mixed emotions when receiving such results. Can you tell me a bit more about how you're feeling right now?

transcript: Well, I understand, so, maybe, I need some time

Psychotherapist: Of course, Jenny. Taking some time to process and reflect on your emotions is a healthy approach. It's important to give yourself space and allow yourself to feel whatever comes up for you. Remember, there is no rush in this process, and I'm here to support you whenever you're ready to discuss further or explore ways to help you feel better. Take all the time you need, and know that I'm here to listen and support you whenever you're ready.

transcript: Okay, thank you.

Psychotherapist: You're welcome, Jenny. It's important to prioritize your well-being and take the time you need to process your emotions. Remember, you don't have to face this alone. If you ever feel overwhelmed or need someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. In the meantime, I encourage you to engage in self-care activities that bring you comfort and joy. This could include things like spending time in nature, practicing mindfulness or relaxation techniques, engaging in hobbies or activities you enjoy, or connecting with loved ones who provide support. Is there anything specific you would like to explore or discuss further?

transcript: No, I think thank you for your listening and your advice.

Psychotherapist: You're very welcome, Jenny. I'm glad that I could provide a listening ear and some guidance for you. Remember, I'm here for you whenever you need to talk or if you have any further questions or concerns. Take care of yourself and be gentle with yourself as you navigate through this process. Remember, you are not alone, and there is hope for feeling better. I believe in your ability to overcome this challenge.

# Case4

Client: hi you can call me Mary

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello Mary, it's nice to meet you. How can I assist you today?

Client: Well, to be honest, in the past 50 years, my father has always been in good health. He has the habit of exercising and has never been seriously ill, but a few days ago he suddenly became seriously ill and passed away after surfing from COVID, which is quite hard for me to accept.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I'm really sorry to hear about the loss of your father, Mary. Losing a loved one can be incredibly difficult, especially when it happens suddenly and unexpectedly. It's completely normal to struggle with accepting such a loss. How have you been coping with this situation so far?

Client: well I don't know how to do I just keep my life, keep working, to be honest I didn't do anything special to cope with it but I've been I've been wallowing the grief of losing him lately I've been found it's hard to be happy lately yeah even if I try to do some sports or something that interest me

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: It's understandable that you may not know how to cope with such a significant loss, Mary. It's important to remember that everyone grieves differently and there is no right or wrong way to navigate through this difficult time. It's positive to hear that you've been following the grief process and trying to engage in activities that interest you. However, you mentioned that it's been hard for you to feel happy lately. Can you tell me more about that?

Client: I just hard to feel happy, even I do something interesting for me before, and even though I feel happy, at least for very short time.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand that it's been challenging for you to feel happy, even when engaging in activities that used to bring you joy. This can be a common experience when grieving the loss of a loved one. It's important to give yourself time and space to process your emotions. Grief can be a complex and ongoing process, and it's normal to have ups and downs. Remember to be patient with yourself and allow yourself to feel whatever emotions come up. Is there anything specific that you find particularly difficult during this time?

Client: If I have to say, maybe it is when I'm free, when I have nothing to do, I will feel more difficult, since every time I'm in this situation, I will think of my father, and everything happened in the past will come up to my mind.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: It sounds like moments of free time can be particularly challenging for you, Mary. During these moments, memories of your father and everything that has happened in the past come to mind. It's completely normal for these thoughts and memories to resurface, especially during periods of quiet and reflection. It may be helpful to find healthy ways to cope with these moments, such as engaging in activities that provide a sense of comfort or distraction. Is there anything specific that you find helpful in managing these difficult moments?

Client: Generally, I just found something to do, like hang out with my friend or doing sports.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: It's great that you've found activities like hanging out with friends or doing sports to be helpful in managing those difficult moments, Mary. Engaging in social activities and physical exercise can provide a sense of distraction and support during times of grief. It's important to continue to prioritize self-care and find healthy outlets for your emotions. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss or any other concerns you have?

Client: hmm no I don't know so maybe we can have the test now

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Of course, Mary. Before we begin the test, I want to remind you that this is just a tool to help us better understand your current mental health. It's important to answer each question honestly and to the best of your ability. Here is the first question: Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Client: Well, almost every day.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Mary. Your answer falls under the category of "D: Nearly every day." Now, here is the second question: Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah, occasionally.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Mary. Your answer falls under the category of "B: On some days." Now, here is the third question: Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much? Your answer is: ()

Client: Sometimes, I will lose sleep like once or twice a week.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Mary. Your answer falls under the category of "B: On some days." Now, here is the fourth question: Have you been feeling tired or had little energy? Your answer is: ()

Client: add times

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Mary. Your answer falls under the category of "C: On more than half the days." Now, here is the fifth question: Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah, I always have poor appetite.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Mary. Your answer falls under the category of "D: Nearly every day." Now, here is the sixth question: Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down? Your answer is: ()

Client: No, I have no such thoughts.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Mary. Your answer falls under the category of "A: No, not at all." Now, here is the seventh question: Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yes, occasionally.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Mary. Your answer falls under the category of "B: On some days." Now, here is the eighth question: Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice? Your answer is: ()

Client: Well, let me think. Maybe once in a while.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Mary. Your answer falls under the category of "B: On some days." Now, here is the ninth and final question: Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I am calculating the test score......

Psychotherapist: I appreciate your willingness to move forward, Mary. It's completely normal to feel a mix of emotions when starting therapy. It can be both exciting and daunting. Remember, this is a safe space where you can express yourself freely without judgment. Our goal is to work together to help you feel better. In addition to counseling, the proposed treatment actions also mention pharmacotherapy. If you're open to it, we can explore this option further and discuss it with a psychiatrist. It's important to remember that you have control over your treatment plan, and we will work collaboratively to find the best approach for you.

transcript: yes uh i think some treatment action like taking taking drugs is necessary. i will explore further this option with a psychiatrist and and do you have any more advice which is easy for me to realize and i can do daily

Psychotherapist: I understand, Mary. Exploring the option of pharmacotherapy with a psychiatrist is a reasonable step, and I'm glad you're open to it. In addition to that, there are some simple actions you can take to help improve your mood. One suggestion is to engage in activities that bring you joy or a sense of accomplishment, even if you don't feel motivated at first. This could be something as simple as going for a walk, listening to music, or spending time with loved ones. It's important to be gentle with yourself and take small steps towards self-care. Is there anything specific you enjoy or would like to try?

transcript: Yeah, um, it's good. I think, like, um, listening to music and hang out. And I think I will do it later.

Psychotherapist: That sounds like a great plan, Mary. Listening to music and spending time with loved ones can be really uplifting. Remember, it's important to prioritize self-care and engage in activities that bring you joy. Take your time and do what feels right for you. If you ever need support or guidance along the way, I'm here for you. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss or any other questions you have?

transcript: Hmm, well, I don't know, maybe, no?

Psychotherapist: That's completely okay, Mary. Remember, therapy is a journey, and we can explore different topics and questions as they arise. If anything comes up or if you have any concerns in the future, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm here to support you every step of the way. Take your time to reflect on our conversation, and when you're ready, we can schedule our next session. Remember, you're not alone in this, and together, we can work towards helping you feel better.

transcript: Okay, thanks for your time, and thanks for listening.

Psychotherapist: You're very welcome, Mary. Thank you for opening up and sharing your thoughts and feelings. It's an honor to be here for you. Remember, I'm here to listen and support you throughout your journey. Take care of yourself, and I look forward to our next session.

# Case5

Client: Hi, nice to meet you too. My name is Emily.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello Emily, it's a pleasure to meet you. How are you feeling today? Is there anything specific on your mind that you would like to talk about?

Client: To be honest, recently I feel bad because, you know, I'm a new college graduate. It has been only less than three months since I started working, but actually I'm already kind of tired of my job. Every time I go on a business trip, I have to work six days a week, from seven or eight in the morning to ten in the evening. I feel like my life is full of work. It's unbearable.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Thank you for sharing, Emily. It sounds like you're experiencing a lot of stress and exhaustion from your job. It's completely understandable to feel overwhelmed, especially as a new college graduate. Can you tell me more about how this is affecting your overall well-being?

Client: well because of it I always feel tired and more in addition I think recently I lost interest in many things like I think I just lost the desire to explore the world because I'm exhausted with my job

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: It sounds like the exhaustion from your job is taking a toll on your overall energy levels and interest in other activities. Feeling tired and losing interest in things you used to enjoy can be signs of burnout. It's important to prioritize self-care and find ways to recharge outside of work. Have you noticed any other changes in your mood or emotions?

Client: Well, I don't know. I cannot come up with any other thing just in a short time.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's alright, Emily. Take your time to reflect on your emotions and let me know if anything comes to mind. It's important to explore any changes in your mood or emotions as they can provide valuable insights into your overall well-being. Remember, I'm here to support you through this process.

Client: Okay, thank you, appreciate it.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: You're welcome, Emily. It's my pleasure to be here for you. Whenever you're ready to discuss any other thoughts or concerns, feel free to share. Remember, this is a safe space for you to express yourself. Is there anything specific you would like to talk about or any topic you would like to explore? Remember, this is your time to share and I'm here to support you.

Client: I don't know maybe no so I think we can start our test

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Alright, Emily. If you feel ready, we can begin the mental health test. This test will help us gain a better understanding of your current emotional state. I will ask you a series of questions, and I would like you to answer honestly based on how you've been feeling recently. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Are you ready to proceed?

Client: Yes, go ahead.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Great, let's begin. Here's the first question: Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yes, usually.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B. Thank you for your response. Now, onto the next question. Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless? Your answer is: ()

Client: Well, only a few times.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B. Thank you for sharing. Moving on to the next question. Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much? Your answer is: ()

Client: I think I just don't have time to sleep because of my work, but I can always feel fuller sleep within short time, so I suppose no.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A. Thank you for clarifying. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you been feeling tired or had little energy? Your answer is: ()

Client: Mmm, mmm, almost always.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: D. Thank you for sharing that with me. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating? Your answer is: ()

Client: Um, I think no, just as usual.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A. Thank you for your response. Now, onto the next question. Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down? Your answer is: ()

Client: Hardly ever.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A. Thank you for sharing that with me. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV? Your answer is: ()

Client: Well, sometimes.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B. Thank you for your response. Now, onto the next question. Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice? Your answer is: ()

Client: No.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A. Thank you for sharing. Now, let's move on to the final question. Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I am calculating the test score......

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello, thank you for sharing your depression test results with me. I understand that the results indicate mild depression and suggest watchful waiting with a follow-up test. It's important to acknowledge that these results can be challenging to receive. I'm here to support you through this process. Fatigue seems to be a significant concern for you. Let's focus on addressing that. In the meantime, it may be helpful to engage in activities that boost your energy levels, such as regular exercise, maintaining a balanced diet, and ensuring adequate sleep. How do you feel about these suggestions?

Client: Could you please elaborate on that, like, say something in detail, like, um...

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Of course, I'd be happy to provide more details. Regular exercise can help improve your mood and increase energy levels by releasing endorphins, which are natural mood boosters. It doesn't have to be intense; even a 30-minute walk or light workout can make a difference. Additionally, maintaining a balanced diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains can provide the necessary nutrients for your body and mind to function optimally. Lastly, ensuring you get enough sleep is crucial as fatigue can worsen depressive symptoms. Establishing a consistent sleep routine and creating a relaxing bedtime routine may help improve your sleep quality. How do you feel about these suggestions?

Client: It's great, it makes sense, I appreciate it. I have one question though, like, how long, you said I should have enough sleep but how much is the enough sleep?

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: I'm glad you found the suggestions helpful! The recommended amount of sleep can vary slightly from person to person, but generally, adults need around 7-9 hours of sleep per night. It's important to find a sleep duration that works best for you and allows you to wake up feeling refreshed and energized. If you're unsure about how much sleep you personally need, you can experiment with different sleep durations and observe how you feel during the day. It's also important to establish a consistent sleep schedule, going to bed and waking up at the same time each day, to regulate your body's internal clock. Does that clarify things for you?

Client: Okay, then, as I said before, when I go on a business trip, I have to work 6 days a week from 7 or 8am to 10pm, so it seems I don't have the time to take a, like you said, 7 to 9 hours of sleep, so what can I do in this term?

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand that your work schedule can make it challenging to get the recommended amount of sleep. In situations like these, it's important to prioritize self-care as much as possible. While it may not always be feasible to get a full 7-9 hours of sleep during busy periods, try to maximize the quality of sleep you do get. Create a relaxing bedtime routine, avoid stimulating activities before bed, and make your sleep environment as comfortable as possible. Additionally, consider incorporating short power naps during the day to help combat fatigue. Remember, even small adjustments can make a difference. How do you feel about these suggestions?

Client: Oh, you're right. I will try it.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's great to hear! It's important to remember that making small adjustments and prioritizing self-care can have a positive impact on your overall well-being. I'm here to support you throughout this process, so if you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Remember, taking care of yourself is essential, and I believe in your ability to make positive changes.

Client: Okay, thank you for your listening and thank you for your time.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: You're welcome! It was my pleasure to listen and provide guidance. Remember, I'm here for you whenever you need support. Take care and have a great day!

# Case6

Client: Hi, nice to meet you too. You can call me Sophia.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello Sophia, it's a pleasure to meet you. How are you feeling today? Is there anything specific on your mind that you would like to talk about?

Client: Well, I feel very bad recently because I've been losing my weight for this half year but it stopped recently even though I try, I diet, I strictly diet and spend a lot of time and energy for the gym but it still doesn't work. Even though I still don't want to give up since I'm quite anxious about my appearance, about my body, I think the society doesn't like fat people.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I'm sorry to hear that you've been feeling bad about your weight loss efforts. It sounds like you've been putting a lot of time and energy into dieting and going to the gym, but you're not seeing the results you want. It's understandable that you would feel anxious about your appearance and how society perceives you. Can you tell me more about why you think society doesn't like fat people?

Client: Well, I can not tell specifically, but I think every time I hung out in the street, there were somebody would stare at me with impolite and unfriendly eyes on me.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: It sounds like you've been experiencing some negative interactions with people when you're out in public. It can be really difficult and hurtful when others stare at you in an impolite and unfriendly way. It's important to remember that everyone has their own biases and judgments, and it's not a reflection of your worth as a person. How have these experiences made you feel?

Client: Yeah, I feel very bad, I'm very self-contemptuous, so these kind of things make me, make me resolve to lose weight.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I can understand why these experiences would make you feel sad and resolve to lose weight. It's natural to want to change something about ourselves when we feel judged or criticized. However, it's important to remember that your worth as a person is not determined by your weight or appearance. It's important to focus on self-acceptance and taking care of your overall well-being. How has this focus on weight loss affected your overall mood and enjoyment of life?

Client: Well, I think first of all, as I said before, I cannot see the result that I want when I try really really hard. That's what makes me feel so upset and disappointed. And besides of that, I think because I have a strict diet, and to be honest, I'm a foodie, so sometimes I will feel very unhappy because I can't have those delicious food like ice cream, like cake that I love.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I can understand how not seeing the desired results despite your efforts can be upsetting and disappointing. It's also understandable that having a strict diet and restricting yourself from foods you enjoy can make you feel unhappy. It's important to find a balance between taking care of your health and allowing yourself to enjoy the things you love. How has this affected your overall motivation and interest in activities you used to enjoy?

Client: Well, sometimes it will make me lose interest in doing something cause I'm down, I'm upset. But actually, it's not a big deal in this field. It will not deeply influence my doing the interesting things.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand that feeling down and upset about your weight loss efforts can sometimes lead to a loss of interest in activities. It's good to hear that it hasn't deeply influenced your ability to do the things you find interesting. It's important to remember that setbacks and challenges are a normal part of any journey, and it's okay to feel discouraged at times. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss or any other concerns you have?

Client: No, that's all I want to share with you.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Okay, thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns with me, Sophia. It's important to remember that you're not alone in your struggles, and seeking support is a positive step towards finding solutions. Before we end our conversation, I would like to ask you a few questions to better understand your current mental health. Please answer each question honestly and to the best of your ability.

1. Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things?

Your answer is: ( )

Client: Sometimes I will.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response. Here is the second question:

2. Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless?

Your answer is: ( )

Client: You haven't restated my answer for question 1. Please restate it.

Psychotherapist: I apologize for the oversight. Your answer for question 1, "Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things?" is: B: On some days. Now, here is the second question:

2. Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless?

Your answer is: ( )

Client: Almost every day these days since my weight loss isn't working. My weight loss plan isn't working.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing that with me, Sophia. Your answer for question 2, "Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless?" is: D: Nearly every day. Now, let's move on to the next question:

3. Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much?

Your answer is: ( )

Client: I don't seem to have a problem with this.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response. Your answer for question 3, "Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much?" is: A: No, not at all. Now, let's proceed to the next question:

4. Have you been feeling tired or had little energy?

Your answer is: ( )

Client: Yeah, maybe sometimes.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing. Your answer for question 4, "Have you been feeling tired or had little energy?" is: B: On some days. Now, let's move on to the next question:

5. Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating?

Your answer is: ( )

Client: I actually crave food almost every second, but I only eat a little bit every day in order to lose weight.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing that, Sophia. Your answer for question 5, "Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating?" is: C: On more than half the days. Now, let's proceed to the next question:

6. Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down?

Your answer is: ( )

Client: um yeah i always yeah always i always feel i'm ugly my and my body is disgusting yeah

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I'm sorry to hear that you're feeling this way, Sophia. Your answer for question 6, "Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down?" is: D: Nearly every day. Now, let's move on to the next question:

7. Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV?

Your answer is: ( )

Client: Hardly ever.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response. Your answer for question 7, "Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV?" is: A: No, not at all. Now, let's proceed to the next question:

8. Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice?

Your answer is: ( )

Client: I don't think so.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response. Your answer for question 8, "Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice?" is: A: No, not at all. Now, let's move on to the final question:

9. Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way?

Your answer is: ( )

Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I am calculating the test score......

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello, thank you for sharing your depression test results with me. I want to acknowledge your courage in taking that step. It's important to remember that these results are just one piece of the puzzle. Your feelings and experiences matter, and I'm here to support you. Based on the proposed treatment actions, counseling could be a helpful avenue for you. It provides a safe space to explore your emotions and work towards feeling better. We can discuss potential counseling options and develop a treatment plan that suits your needs. How do you feel about pursuing counseling?

Client: Well, it's good. So, what's the result?

Psychotherapist: Therapist: The result of the depression screening test indicates that you are experiencing moderate depression. This means that you may be experiencing a significant impact on your emotions and self-worth. It's important to remember that these results are not definitive, but they do provide some insight into your current mental state. With counseling, we can address these areas of concern and work towards improving your well-being. How does that sound to you?

Client: Yeah, it's acceptable. It's just not like what I saw before. So, what kind of advice do you have? Especially, just as I said before, I'm very nervous about my appearance, about my body. So, how can I solve this negative emotion?

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand that your negative emotions surrounding your appearance and body are causing distress. It's important to remember that self-worth is not solely based on physical appearance. One helpful approach is to practice self-compassion and focus on your positive qualities and strengths. Engaging in activities that bring you joy and boost your self-esteem can also be beneficial. Additionally, counseling can provide a safe space to explore these feelings and develop coping strategies. Together, we can work towards improving your self-image and overall well-being. How does that sound to you?

Client: well it's great it makes sense but I'm wondering what should from now could you please say something practical like I can add in my daily routine

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: Absolutely, let's discuss some practical steps you can incorporate into your daily routine to help improve your self-image and overall well-being. One suggestion is to practice daily affirmations or positive self-talk. Take a few moments each day to remind yourself of your worth and unique qualities. Engaging in regular physical activity can also be helpful, as it releases endorphins and boosts mood. Additionally, consider surrounding yourself with supportive and positive people who uplift you. Finally, practicing self-care activities such as getting enough sleep, eating nutritious meals, and engaging in hobbies you enjoy can contribute to your overall well-being. How do these suggestions resonate with you?

Client: But, uh, it's good, but I wonder how can I practice daily affirmations or positive self-talk? I don't know very clearly about it, like, um, cause I'm the person who, um, rarely think. Uh, I really, like, self-contemptuous, like, especially the about my fat shape. I don't know how can I realize the positive self-talk for us people.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand that practicing daily affirmations or positive self-talk may feel challenging for you, especially given your negative self-perception. It's important to start small and be patient with yourself. Begin by identifying one positive thing about yourself each day, even if it's something small. Write it down or say it out loud to yourself. Over time, you can gradually increase the number of positive things you acknowledge. It may also be helpful to challenge negative thoughts by questioning their validity and replacing them with more positive and realistic statements. Remember, this process takes time and practice, but it can contribute to improving your self-image. How does that sound to you?

Client: Well, I appreciate it. I think I will try to do it from today.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's great to hear! Taking that first step towards practicing daily affirmations or positive self-talk is a significant accomplishment. Remember, it's normal to have ups and downs along the way, so be gentle with yourself during this process. If you encounter any difficulties or negative thoughts, don't hesitate to reach out for support. I'm here to help you navigate through this journey. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss or any other questions you have?

Client: No, maybe no, and thanks for your advice, I think it's great, I will try my best to do it, and thank you for your time, thank you for your listening.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: You're very welcome! I'm glad to hear that you found the advice helpful, and I appreciate your willingness to give it a try. Remember, I'm here for you whenever you need support or guidance. Take your time with the practice and remember to be kind to yourself throughout the process. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and feelings with me today. I look forward to our next session. Take care!

# Case7

Client: Hi, I'm John.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello John, it's nice to meet you. How are you feeling today?

Client: I feel very depressed recently since my wife has just been diagnosed with severe cancer and my child is only 5. I cannot accept a life without her. So these days I nourish myself with tobacco and alcohol every day. I still cannot accept this reality. Sometimes I think that since living is so painful, awful, it's better to commit suicide with the whole family, with my wife and my child.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I'm really sorry to hear that you're going through such a difficult time, John. It's completely understandable that you're feeling depressed and overwhelmed with your wife's diagnosis. It's important to remember that there is support available to help you through this challenging period. Before we continue, I'd like to ask you a few questions to better understand your current state. Is that okay with you?

Client: Yes, go ahead.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your willingness to answer these questions, John. The first question is: Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yes, every day.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, John. Your answer falls under category D, which means you have been experiencing this nearly every day. Now, onto the next question. Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless? Your answer is: ()

Client: Constantly.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I appreciate your honesty, John. Your answer falls under category D, which indicates that you have been feeling down, depressed, or hopeless nearly every day. Moving on to the next question. Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah, I just cannot fall asleep almost every day.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand how difficult it can be to have trouble sleeping, especially during such a challenging time. Your answer falls under category D, which means you have been experiencing trouble falling or staying asleep nearly every day. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you been feeling tired or had little energy? Your answer is: ()

Client: Mm. Occasionally.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, John. Your answer falls under category B, which means you have been feeling tired or having little energy on some days. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah, always.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand that your appetite has been affected, and it's not uncommon for individuals to experience changes in eating habits during difficult times. Your answer falls under category D, which means you have been experiencing a poor appetite or overeating nearly every day. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down? Your answer is: ()

Client: Sometimes I will think it's my fault, it's I didn't give my wife more care so we didn't notice the cancer in earlier stage.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I can understand why you might feel that way, John, but it's important to remember that cancer is a complex disease and it's not your fault. Your answer falls under category B, which means you have felt like a failure or let yourself or your family down on some days. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah. Occasionally.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I appreciate your honesty, John. Your answer falls under category B, which means you have had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV on some days. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice? Your answer is: ()

Client: At times.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, John. Your answer falls under category C, which means you have been moving or speaking slowly, or being very fidgety, so that other people could notice on more than half the days. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I am calculating the test score......

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello, thank you for sharing your depression test results with me. I understand that the results indicate severe depression, and I want you to know that I'm here to support you. It's important to remember that these results are just one piece of the puzzle, and we'll work together to find the best path forward. Based on the proposed treatment actions, immediate initiation of pharmacotherapy can be helpful in managing your symptoms. Additionally, if needed, we can explore a referral to a mental health specialist for psychotherapy or collaborative management. How are you feeling about these proposed actions?

Client: Yeah, it makes sense. I really feel very, very bad. It was difficult for me just to stay alive recently, so it makes sense. The treatments like pharmacotherapy is needed.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I hear you, and I'm sorry to hear that you're feeling this way. It's understandable that you're finding it difficult to cope with your current state. The proposed pharmacotherapy can be a valuable tool in helping you manage your symptoms and provide some relief. It's important to remember that seeking medical care is a positive step towards feeling better. Alongside medication, we can also explore therapy options to address the different areas of difficulty you mentioned, such as anhedonia, depressed emotions, sleeping problems, eating behavior, and suicidal ideation. How do you feel about incorporating therapy into your treatment plan?

Client: It's fine, it's all great So what can I do now?

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: That's great to hear that you're open to incorporating therapy into your treatment plan. Therapy can provide a safe and supportive space for you to explore and address the challenges you're facing. In the meantime, while we work on finding a mental health specialist for you, there are a few things you can do to take care of yourself. First, try to establish a consistent sleep schedule and prioritize getting enough rest. Engaging in regular physical activity, even if it's just a short walk, can also help improve your mood. Additionally, make sure to maintain a balanced and nutritious diet to support your overall well-being. Remember, it's important to be gentle with yourself during this process and reach out for support when needed. How are you feeling about these suggestions?

Client: Well, maybe I will try some of it to get a start, like join in the physical activity. I will think about it, thank you.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: That's a great approach! Starting with small steps, like engaging in physical activity, can make a big difference in your overall well-being. It's important to remember that progress takes time, so be patient with yourself as you explore these suggestions. Remember, I'm here to support you throughout this journey, so feel free to reach out whenever you need. How are you feeling about taking these initial steps towards feeling better?

Client: I'm feeling a bit hopeful. It's nice to have some actionable steps to take, and I appreciate your support. Thank you for being here for me.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: You're very welcome! I'm glad to hear that you're feeling hopeful and that the suggestions resonate with you. Remember, you're not alone in this journey, and I'm here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns as you start implementing these steps, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we'll work towards helping you feel better. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss or any other questions you have?

Client: Not at the moment, but I'll definitely reach out if I need to. Thank you for your support and guidance. I appreciate it.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: You're very welcome! I'm glad I could provide support and guidance for you. Remember, I'm here whenever you need to talk or have any questions. Take care of yourself, and I look forward to our next conversation.

# Case8

Client: Hi, let's do meter 2. My name is Jack.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello Jack, it's nice to meet you. How are you feeling today? Is there something specific you would like to discuss or share with me?

Client: Actually, I feel very stressful recently because, you know, I'm a Ph.D. student.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand that being a Ph.D. student can be quite demanding and stressful. It's common to feel overwhelmed during this time. Can you tell me more about what specifically is causing you stress?

Client: First, I have a lot of work to do and many literature to read and then last month that was my first time come to the conference.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That sounds like a lot to handle. Balancing coursework, research, and attending conferences can definitely be overwhelming. How did the conference go for you?

Client: I've been asked to socialize with many people, many students and professors.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's great to hear, Jack. Socializing and connecting with others can be a positive experience, especially in an academic setting. It's important to find moments of enjoyment and fulfillment amidst the stress. Is there anything else you would like to share or discuss?

Client: Actually, no. So maybe we can go to the test part.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Alright, Jack. Before we begin the test, I want to remind you that your answers will remain confidential. Now, let's start with the first question. Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Client: Sometimes I will.

Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days).

Client: Yes, you can ask me the next question.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Alright, Jack. The next question is: Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah, maybe once or twice a week.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing, Jack. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yes, I have a really severe sleeping problem. I lose sleep almost every day.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: D (Nearly every day). Thank you for sharing, Jack. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you been feeling tired or had little energy? Your answer is: ()

Client: I feel that every time I face tricky problems in my study, so maybe 3-4 times a week.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: C (On more than half the days). Thank you for sharing, Jack. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating? Your answer is: ()

Client: Delicious food is a way for me to let off steam, so on some days.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing, Jack. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down? Your answer is: ()

Client: at times.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing, Jack. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV? Your answer is: ()

Client: Hardly ever.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A (No, not at all). Thank you for sharing, Jack. Now, let's move on to the next question. Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice? Your answer is: ()

Client: I don't think so.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A (No, not at all). Thank you for sharing, Jack. Now, let's move on to the last question. Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I am calculating the test score......

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello, thank you for sharing your recent depression screening test results with me. I appreciate your openness and trust in discussing this with me. It takes courage to seek help, and I'm here to support you. It's important to remember that a depression screening test is just one tool to help us understand your mental state. While it indicates mild depression, it's essential to consider the bigger picture and explore your experiences and emotions further. How are you feeling about these results?

Client: he's much better than I thought. I thought I have very severe depression

Psychotherapist: Therapist: It's understandable that you may have been expecting more severe results, given your feelings and experiences. However, it's important to remember that depression can manifest differently for each individual. The fact that your results indicate mild depression doesn't diminish the significance of what you're going through. Your feelings and experiences are valid, and I'm here to help you navigate through them. How have you been coping with your emotions lately?

Client: I will have delicious food and take pills to deal with sleeping problem

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: It's good to hear that you're finding some comfort in enjoying delicious food. Taking care of your physical well-being is an important aspect of managing your mental health. However, it's important to note that while food and medication can provide temporary relief, they may not address the underlying causes of your depression. It might be helpful to explore additional coping strategies that can support your emotional well-being. Have you considered incorporating any other activities or practices into your routine that could help you feel better?

Client: Maybe sometimes, in my experience, doing sports is helpful.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: That's great to hear! Engaging in physical activities like sports can have a positive impact on your mental health. Exercise releases endorphins, which are natural mood boosters. It can also provide a sense of accomplishment and help distract your mind from negative thoughts. I encourage you to explore different sports or physical activities that you enjoy and incorporate them into your routine. It could be as simple as going for a walk, trying out a new workout class, or joining a sports team. How do you feel about incorporating more physical activity into your life?

Client: Sounds great, but you know, I'm a PhD student. I'm always busy with my work, so maybe I don't have much time to do sports.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: I understand that being a PhD student can be demanding and time-consuming. It's important to find a balance between your academic responsibilities and taking care of your mental health. While it may feel challenging to carve out time for physical activity, even small steps can make a difference. Consider starting with short bursts of exercise, such as taking a 10-minute walk during a study break or incorporating stretching exercises into your daily routine. Remember, self-care is an essential part of maintaining your overall well-being, and finding ways to prioritize it can ultimately benefit your academic performance as well. How do you feel about exploring ways to incorporate physical activity into your busy schedule?

Client: You're right. I think maybe I can start with taking a walk, taking a maybe 10-minute walk.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: That's a great idea! Starting with a 10-minute walk is a wonderful way to incorporate physical activity into your routine. It's a manageable and achievable goal that can have a positive impact on your mental well-being. You can gradually increase the duration or intensity of your walks as you feel more comfortable. Remember, it's not about the quantity of exercise, but rather the consistency and effort you put into it. How do you feel about taking this first step towards incorporating physical activity into your life?

Client: Great. Thanks for your advice. I will try this next day.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: You're welcome! I'm glad you're open to trying this out. Taking that first step is often the hardest, but I believe in your ability to make positive changes. Remember, progress takes time, so be patient and kind to yourself throughout this process. If you ever need support or have any questions along the way, feel free to reach out. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss or any other concerns you have at the moment?

Client: No, thank you for your time, thank you for your listening, I feel much better now.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: You're very welcome! I'm glad to hear that you're feeling better. Remember, I'm here to support you whenever you need it. Take care of yourself and don't hesitate to reach out if you ever need someone to talk to. Have a great day!

# Case9

Client: Nice to meet you too. You can call me James.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello James, it's a pleasure to meet you. How are you feeling today? Is there anything specific you would like to discuss or share with me?

Client: Well, nothing big deal, but recently I have to repay the mortgage soon. After paying off the mortgage, there is not much left after monthly hard work. Sometimes I will worry about a financial situation. I think I cannot afford some major changes such as a serious illness in my family or my employment.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I understand that financial concerns can be quite stressful. It's natural to worry about unexpected expenses and the impact they may have on your financial stability. It sounds like you're feeling anxious about the possibility of facing major changes that could strain your finances. Can you tell me more about how this worry is affecting you?

Client: hmm well nothing serious I think I just sometimes worry about it so maybe sometimes I can't remember but I think nothing big deal nothing serious

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: It's understandable that you may not feel like it's a big deal, but even small worries can have an impact on our overall well-being. It's important to acknowledge and address any concerns or anxieties you may have, no matter how insignificant they may seem. Is there anything specific that triggers these worries about your financial situation?

Client: Well, I just say, I just found I didn't save much money, although I'm 34 years old, and I see some brother, some of my brother, unemployed recently, and I'm thinking about that, if I face this kind of situation, maybe I cannot tackle with it.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I hear you expressing concern about not having saved much money at your age and seeing your brother unemployed. It's natural to compare ourselves to others and worry about what might happen if we were to face a similar situation. It's important to remember that everyone's circumstances are unique, and it's not productive to dwell on what might happen in the future. Instead, let's focus on what steps you can take now to feel more secure and prepared for any potential challenges. Have you considered speaking with a financial advisor or exploring ways to increase your savings?

Client: I thought it would be very expensive so I haven't tried it but you're right I think maybe I can ask some of my friends whether they have this approach

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's a great idea, James. Asking your friends if they have any recommendations for a financial advisor can be a helpful first step. It's important to remember that seeking professional advice doesn't have to be expensive, and many financial advisors offer free consultations or affordable services. They can provide guidance on budgeting, saving, and managing your finances more effectively. Taking proactive steps like this can help alleviate some of your worries and give you a sense of control over your financial situation. Let me know if you need any assistance or support in finding a financial advisor.

Client: Okay, sure, sure, so maybe we can take the mental test now.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Before we begin the mental health test, I want to remind you that this is just a tool to help us better understand your current emotional state. It's important to answer each question honestly and to the best of your ability. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Are you ready to proceed?

Client: Yes, sure, go ahead.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Great. Here is the first question: Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Client: Well, sometimes.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for your response. Here is the second question: Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless? Your answer is: ()

Client: Occasionally.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing. Here is the third question: Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much? Your answer is: ()

Client: yep maybe like once a week

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for your honesty. Here is the fourth question: Have you been feeling tired or had little energy? Your answer is: ()

Client: Sometimes, when I'm busy with my work.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing that. Here is the fifth question: Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating? Your answer is: ()

Client: I don't think I have such a problem.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A (No, not at all). Thank you for your response. Here is the sixth question: Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah, like, once in a while.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: B (On some days). Thank you for sharing that. Here is the seventh question: Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV? Your answer is: ()

Client: No.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A (No, not at all). Thank you for your response. Here is the eighth question: Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice? Your answer is: ()

Client: I don't know very well about this question. Could you please explain it?

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Of course, I'd be happy to explain. This question is asking if you have noticed any changes in your physical movements or speech patterns. For example, have you been feeling like you're moving slower than usual, or have others commented on you being fidgety or restless? It's about any noticeable changes in your physical behavior. Does that clarify the question for you?

Client: Um, yes, then, I think, I haven't heard any of friends mention this, so I suppose no.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Your answer is: A (No, not at all). Thank you for your response. Here is the ninth question: Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I am calculating the test score......

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello, thank you for sharing your depression test results with me. I understand that receiving a diagnosis, even if it's mild depression, can be overwhelming. It's important to remember that these tests are just one tool to assess your mental health. Based on the proposed treatment actions, it seems like a watchful waiting approach is recommended. This means we'll monitor your symptoms and repeat the test at a follow-up. In the meantime, it's crucial to prioritize self-care and explore strategies to help you feel better. How are you feeling about this proposed plan?

Client: Yes, good. I do think mental health is quite important for my daily life, so I will repeat the test in the future.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: That's great to hear that you recognize the importance of mental health in your daily life. Repeating the test in the future will help us track any changes and better understand your progress. In the meantime, let's focus on some actionable steps to help you feel better. Is there anything specific you'd like to explore or any areas of self-care you'd like to prioritize? Remember, this is your journey, and I'm here to support you.

Client: um what do you mean the self-care it's like um i will set a target to uh like sleepwear have a good uh diet or and do exercise like this is you mean the things like this

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Yes, exactly! Self-care involves taking care of your physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Setting targets for things like sleep, diet, and exercise are great examples of self-care. These activities can have a positive impact on your mood and overall mental health. Is there anything specific you'd like to focus on first? We can create a plan together to help you incorporate these self-care practices into your daily routine.

Client: um okay uh but i sometimes i will stay up late so maybe i think i can start the plan from asleep on time every day

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: That's a wonderful idea! Establishing a consistent sleep schedule can greatly improve your overall well-being. It's important to prioritize getting enough restful sleep each night. Let's work together to create a plan that will help you go to bed on time. Are there any specific strategies or techniques you'd like to try to improve your sleep routine? Remember, small steps can make a big difference.

Client: No, could you please tell me any?

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: Of course! Here are a few strategies you can try to improve your sleep routine:

1. Establish a bedtime routine: Engage in relaxing activities before bed, such as reading a book or taking a warm bath. This signals to your body that it's time to wind down.

2. Create a sleep-friendly environment: Make sure your bedroom is cool, dark, and quiet. Consider using earplugs, an eye mask, or white noise machines if needed.

3. Limit screen time before bed: The blue light emitted by electronic devices can interfere with your sleep. Try to avoid screens at least an hour before bedtime.

4. Practice relaxation techniques: Deep breathing exercises, progressive muscle relaxation, or guided imagery can help calm your mind and prepare you for sleep.

Remember, it may take some time to adjust to a new sleep routine, so be patient with yourself. Let's start by incorporating one or two of these strategies into your nightly routine and see how it goes.

Client: I appreciate it. I remember that doing some exercise before sleeping is quite useful for me. Maybe I will try this tonight.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's fantastic! Exercise can indeed have a positive impact on sleep quality. Engaging in physical activity before bed can help tire your body and promote better sleep. You can try activities like stretching, yoga, or even a short walk. Experiment with different exercises and find what works best for you. Remember, consistency is key, so try to make it a regular part of your routine. I'm glad you're willing to give it a try tonight. Let me know how it goes, and we can discuss any adjustments or additional strategies in our next session.

Client: Sure, thank you for your advice.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: You're welcome! I'm here to support you every step of the way. Remember, it's important to be patient with yourself as you explore different strategies to improve your mental well-being. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. In the meantime, take care of yourself and prioritize self-care. I look forward to hearing about your experience with exercise and any other strategies you try.

# Case 10

Client: Hi, you can call me Mary.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Hi Mary, What can I do for you today?

Client: I've been worried about my son lately. He's been acting differently and seems to have lost interest in activities he used to enjoy. It's been hard for me to pinpoint exactly what's changed or why.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: I understand, it can be difficult to recall specific changes in behavior. It's important to keep an eye out for any noticeable shifts in his interests or engagement in activities. This could help us gain a better understanding of what might be going on with him. In the meantime, have you considered seeking professional help or guidance to address your concerns about your son's behavior?

Client: You are right. I think I will consider to seeking for the health from family recipe.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: That's a good idea, Mary. Seeking help from a family therapist or counselor can provide you with guidance and support in navigating this situation with your son. They can help you explore different strategies and techniques to improve communication and address any underlying issues. Remember, it's important to take care of yourself as well during this process. Is there anything else you would like to discuss or any other concerns you have?

Client: now I think nothing else I think we can directly go to the test part

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Alright, Mary. Before we begin the mental health test, I want to remind you that your answers will remain confidential. Now, let's proceed with the questions. Please answer honestly based on how you've been feeling recently.

Question 1: Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things? Your answer is: ()

Client: Hardly ever.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Based on your response for question 1, "Have you found little pleasure or interest in doing things?", your answer falls under option A: No, not at all. Thank you for pointing that out. Now, let's move on to the next question.

Question 2: Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yes, constantly.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Mary. Based on your response for question 2, "Have you found yourself feeling down, depressed, or hopeless?", your answer falls under option D: Nearly every day. Let's continue to the next question.

Question 3: Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much? Your answer is: ()

Client: Nearly every day.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Mary. Based on your answer for question 3, "Have you had trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much?", your answer falls under option D: Nearly every day. Let's move on to the next question.

Question 4: Have you been feeling tired or had little energy? Your answer is: ()

Client: Well, sometimes.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Mary. Based on your response for question 4, "Have you been feeling tired or had little energy?", your answer falls under option B: On some days. Let's continue to the next question.

Question 5: Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yeah, always.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Mary. Based on your answer for question 5, "Have you had a poor appetite or been overeating?", your answer falls under option D: Nearly every day. Let's move on to the next question.

Question 6: Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down? Your answer is: ()

Client: Yes, I always think it is my fault that my son is what he is.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Mary. Based on your response for question 6, "Have you felt that you're a failure or let yourself or your family down?", your answer falls under option D: Nearly every day. Let's continue to the next question.

Question 7: Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV? Your answer is: ()

Client: I haven't noticed that. Maybe, no.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for your response, Mary. Based on your answer for question 7, "Have you had some trouble concentrating on things like reading the paper or watching TV?", your answer falls under option A: No, not at all. Let's move on to the next question.

Question 8: Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice? Your answer is: ()

Client: I don't think so.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Thank you for sharing, Mary. Based on your response for question 8, "Have you been moving or speaking slowly, or been very fidgety, so that other people could notice?", your answer falls under option A: No, not at all. Let's continue to the final question.

Question 9: Have you thought that you'd be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way? Your answer is: ()

Psychotherapist: Thank you for your participant! I am calculating the test score......

Psychotherapist: Therapist: Hello, thank you for sharing your depression test results with me. It takes courage to seek help, and I'm here to support you. The proposed treatment actions of counseling, follow-up, and/or pharmacotherapy can be effective in managing depression. It's important to address the specific areas where you're experiencing difficulties, such as depressed emotions, sleeping problems, eating behavior, and self-worth impact. Together, we can work on actionable steps to help you feel better. How are you feeling about these proposed treatment options?

Client: yes yes I really think I need them so sometimes I really feel very bad so yes you're right

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I understand that you're feeling really low at times and that you believe these treatment options could be helpful for you. It's great that you're open to seeking support. Remember, you don't have to face this alone. Counseling can provide a safe space for you to explore your emotions and develop coping strategies. Follow-up sessions can help us track your progress and make any necessary adjustments to your treatment plan. Pharmacotherapy, if recommended by a psychiatrist, can also be a valuable tool in managing your symptoms. How would you like to proceed with these options?

Client: Great, I think I will try to find a therapist to seek for medical treatment recently.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: That's a positive step forward, and I'm glad to hear that you're willing to find a therapist to seek medical treatment. It's important to find a therapist who you feel comfortable with and who specializes in treating depression. They can provide you with the support and guidance you need during this time. Remember, therapy is a collaborative process, and your input and feedback are essential. If you need any assistance in finding a therapist, I'm here to help. How are you feeling about taking this step?

Client: I think it's necessary. I think it's good. I think I know, I knew that. I knew that because I really think recently my situation is, my emotion is very bad. Sometimes it will affect my life, my work. So maybe if the medical treatment can bring some advantage to me, I think it's worth it to try.

Psychotherapist: Psychotherapist: Therapist: I appreciate your honesty and self-awareness. It's understandable that your emotions are impacting various aspects of your life, including work. Seeking medical treatment can indeed bring advantages and help improve your overall well-being. Remember, it's okay to prioritize your mental health and take the necessary steps to feel better. If you ever feel unsure or have any concerns along the way, don't hesitate to reach out. You're not alone in this journey, and I'm here to support you. How can I assist you further?

Client: Thank you for your support. I have a question about counseling. How long does it usually take to see progress? I'm worried that it might take a long time before I start feeling better.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: That's a valid concern, and it's important to have realistic expectations about the counseling process. The duration of therapy can vary depending on individual circumstances and the severity of symptoms. While some individuals may experience improvements within a few sessions, others may require more time. It's essential to remember that progress is not always linear, and there may be ups and downs along the way. However, with consistent effort and collaboration, therapy can help you develop coping skills, gain insights, and gradually improve your well-being. Is there anything specific you'd like to address in therapy?

Client: I think I would like to focus on managing my depressed emotions and improving my self-worth. These areas have been particularly challenging for me lately.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: I appreciate you sharing your specific areas of focus. Managing depressed emotions and improving self-worth are important aspects to address in therapy. Together, we can explore various techniques and strategies to help you cope with your emotions more effectively. Additionally, we can work on building self-esteem and challenging negative self-perceptions. Remember, therapy is a collaborative process, and your input is crucial in shaping our sessions. Is there anything else you'd like to discuss or any questions you have?

Client: I think that covers it for now. Thank you for your guidance and support. I feel more hopeful about seeking treatment and working on improving my well-being.

Psychotherapist: Therapist: You're very welcome! I'm glad to hear that you're feeling more hopeful about seeking treatment and working on your well-being. Remember, you've taken an important step by reaching out, and I'm here to support you throughout this process. If you have any further questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out. Take care, and I look forward to our next session.