Written Exercise

A 21-year-old single white man is brought into Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center Emergency Room by his single college roommate, who became concerned by his friend’s increasingly “strange” behavior. In response to your request that he elaborate, the roommate explains: “Since his girlfriend broke up with him last summer, John hasn’t been the same. Lately he hasn’t been going to class, he hardly talks, he just sits in the dorm with the blinds drawn.” As the psychiatry resident on-call, you interview the patient.

Outline two mental status examinations for this patient obtained in the ER: one that would be consistent with a diagnosis of major depression and another that would be consistent with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. Be creative and include specific examples. Limit each mental status examination to one typed page.

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