Cognitive Assessment

Indicators of Everyday Functioning

For example:
Self care
Make a cup of tea
Washing self
Domestic duties
Money management
Use of basics card
Knowledge of pension

Cognitive Tasks

For example:
Standardised Tests
KICA
Wechsler Scales
Matrices
Informal Tasks
Biographical info
Remember objects
Sort cards
Add card values
Make a judgement

Contextual Information

For example:
Person factors
Language
Education level
Acculturation
Medical history
Social factors
Work
Poverty
Substance misuse
Relationships
Urban/remote
Cultural connection
Basic needs met
Historical factors
Family substance use
Complex trauma
Removal from family
or land
Violence
Grief and loss

Presenting Mental State

For example:
Behaviour
Boisterous/shy
Orientation
Days to pension day
Place
Arousal
Alert/drowsy
Appearance
Consistent with
age/culture
Speech
Clear/slurred/nil
Mood
Agitated/depressed
Intellect
Dull/normal/bright
Memory
Lapses/inconsistencies
Perception
Hearing/sight
Hallucinations/pain
Insight
Further assessment

Cultural factors

For example:
Gender difference between interviewer and client
Eye contact or lack thereof
Silence/long pauses
Tendency to agree
Trust/mistrust of mainstream services
Homesickness for country/homelands
Collectivist not individualist perspective
May be considered rude to ask questions
Entitlement to knowledge (e.g right to know/ask)
Cultural transgressions (e.g. speaking name of deceased)
Initiation into adulthood
Connections – people, places, interests