

Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination

BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT

Candidate: _____

Examiner: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions	1	
Checks responsiveness	1	
Requests additional EMS assistance	1	
Checks breathing and pulse simultaneously	1	
NOTE: After checking responsiveness, then checking breathing and pulse for no more than 10 seconds, examiner informs candidate, "The patient is unresponsive, apneic and has a weak pulse of 60."		
Opens airway properly	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth is full of secretions and vomitus."		
Prepares rigid suction catheter	1	
Turns on power to suction device or retrieves manual suction device	1	
Inserts rigid suction catheter without applying suction	1	
Suctions the mouth and oropharynx	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth and oropharynx are clear."		
Opens the airway manually	1	
Inserts oropharyngeal airway	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "No gag reflex is present and the patient accepts the airway adjunct"		
Ventilates the patient immediately using a BVM device unattached to oxygen [Award this point if candidate elects to ventilate initially with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.]	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that ventilation is being properly performed without difficulty.		
Re-checks pulse for no more than 10 seconds	1	
Attaches the BVM assembly [mask, bag, reservoir] to oxygen [15 L/minute]	1	
Ventilates the patient adequately -Proper volume to cause visible chest rise (1 point) -Proper rate [10 - 12/minute (1 ventilation every 5 - 6 seconds)] (1 point)	2	
Note: The examiner must now ask the candidate, "How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?"		
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	16

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ After suctioning the patient, failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- _____ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate PPE precautions
- _____ Failure to suction airway **before** ventilating the patient
- _____ Suctions the patient for an excessive and prolonged time
- _____ Failure to check responsiveness, then check breathing and pulse simultaneously for no more than 10 seconds
- _____ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]
- _____ Failure to ventilate the patient at a rate of 10-12/minute (1 ventilation every 5- 6seconds)
- _____ Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
- _____ Insertion or use of any adjunct in a manner dangerous to the patient
- _____ Failure to provide accurate report to arriving EMS unit
- _____ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- _____ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- _____ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.