



Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination*
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BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
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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] *** <i>(if candidate asks evaluator to ventilate patient while they hook O2 TO BVM, the Evaluator will decline and not penalize the student.)</i>	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 – 6 seconds)
- ___ 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 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.