

Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination
BVM Ventilation of an Apneic Adult Patient

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions		1	
<i>Checks responsiveness</i>	NOTE: After checking responsiveness and breathing for seconds, at least 5 but no more than 10 examiner informs the candidate, "The patient is unresponsive and apneic."	1	
<i>Checks breathing</i>		1	
Requests additional EMS assistance		1	
Checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "You palpate a weak carotid pulse at a rate 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 at least 5 but 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 make chest rise (1 point)		2	
-Proper rate [10 – 12/minute but not to exceed 12/minute] (1 point)			
NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate,			
"How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?"			
		Total	17

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 body substance isolation precautions
- _____ Failure to suction airway before ventilating the patient
- _____ Suctions the patient for an excessive and prolonged time
- _____ Failure to check responsiveness and breathing for at least 5 seconds but no more than 10 seconds
- _____ Failure to check pulse for at least 5 seconds but 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 at least 10/minute and no more than 12/minute
- _____ 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

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