



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
Checks breathing		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)		1
-Proper rate [10 – 12/minute but not to exceed 12/minute] (1 point)		1
NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, "How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?"		
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