



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination**

BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT

Candidate: _____
Date: _____

Examiner: _____
Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____		Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions		1	
Checks responsiveness	<i>NOTE: After checking responsiveness and breathing for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds, examiner informs the candidate, "The patient is unresponsive and apneic."</i>	1	
Checks breathing		1	
Requests additional EMS assistance		1	
Checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds		1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "You palpate a weak carotid pulse at a rate of 60."</i>			
Opens airway properly		1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth is full of secretions and vomitus."</i>			
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	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth and oropharynx are clear."</i>			
Opens the airway manually		1	
Inserts oropharyngeal airway		1	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "No gag reflex is present and the patient accepts the airway adjunct."</i>			
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	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that ventilation is being properly performed without difficulty.</i>			
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) -Proper rate [10 – 12/minute but not to exceed 12/minute] (1 point)		2	
<i>NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, "How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?"</i>			
Actual Time Ended: _____		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

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on this form (below or turn sheet over).

