



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

**BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC PATIENT**

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Checks responsiveness	1	
Checks breathing	1	
<b>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."</b>		
Requests additional EMS assistance	1	
Checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds	1	
<b>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "You palpate a weak carotid pulse at a rate of 60."</b>		
Opens airway properly	1	
<b>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth is full of secretions and vomitus."</b>		
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	
<b>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth and oropharynx are clear."</b>		
Opens the airway manually	1	
Inserts oropharyngeal airway	1	
<b>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "No gag reflex is present and the patient accepts the airway adjunct."</b>		
**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	
<b>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that ventilation is being properly performed without difficulty.</b>		
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	
<b>NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, "How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?"</b>		
<b>Actual Time Ended: _____</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>

**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 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 the reverse side of this form.**