

Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination

PATIENT ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT – TRAUMA

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Scenario # _____

Actual Time Started: _____ Note: Areas denoted by “***” may be integrated within sequence of Primary Survey/Resuscitation

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions	1	
SCENE SIZE-UP		
Determines the scene/situation is safe	1	
Determines the mechanism of injury/nature of illness	1	
Determines the number of patients	1	
Requests additional EMS assistance if necessary	1	
Considers stabilization of the spine	1	
PRIMARY SURVEY/RESUSCITATION		
Verbalizes general impression of the patient	1	
Determines responsiveness/level of consciousness	1	
Determines chief complaint/apparent life-threats	1	
Airway	2	
-Opens and assesses airway (1 point) -Inserts adjunct as indicated (1 point)		
Breathing	4	
-Assess breathing (1 point) -Assures adequate ventilation (1 point) -Initiates appropriate oxygen therapy (1 point) -Manages any injury which may compromise breathing/ventilation (1 point)		
Circulation	4	
-Checks pulse (1 point)		
-Assess skin [either skin color, temperature or condition] (1 point)		
-Assesses for and controls major bleeding if present (1 point)		
-Initiates shock management [positions patient properly, conserves body heat] (1 point)		
Identifies patient priority and makes treatment/transport decision (based upon calculated GCS)	1	
HISTORY TAKING		
Obtains baseline vital signs [must include BP, P and R] (1 point)	1	
Attempts to obtain SAMPLE history	1	
SECONDARY ASSESSMENT		
Head	3	
-Inspects and palpates scalp and ears (1 point) ** -Assesses eyes (1 point) -Inspects mouth**, nose** and assesses facial area (1 point)		
Neck**	3	
-Checks position of trachea (1 point) -Checks jugular veins (1 point) -Palpates cervical spine (1 point)		
Chest**	3	
-Inspects chest (1 point) -Palpates chest (1 point) -Auscultates chest (1 point)		
Abdomen/pelvis**	3	
-Inspects and palpates abdomen (1 point) -Assesses pelvis (1 point) -Verbalizes assessment of genitalia/perineum as needed (1 point)		
Lower extremities**	2	
-Inspects, palpates and assesses motor, sensory and distal circulatory functions (1 point/leg)		
Upper extremities	2	
-Inspects, palpates and assesses motor, sensory and distal circulatory functions (1 point/arm)		
Posterior thorax, lumbar and buttocks**	2	
-Inspects and palpates posterior thorax (1 point) -Inspects and palpates lumbar and buttocks areas (1 point)		
Manages secondary injuries and wounds appropriately	1	
REASSESSMENT		
Demonstrates how and when to reassess the patient	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____		
TOTAL		42

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- ____ Failure to initiate or call for transport of the patient within 10 minute time limit
- ____ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate PPE precautions
- ____ Failure to determine scene safety
- ____ Failure to assess for and provide spinal protection when indicated
- ____ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high concentration oxygen
- ____ Failure to assess/provide adequate ventilation
- ____ Failure to find or appropriately manage problems associated with airway, breathing, hemorrhage or shock
- ____ Failure to differentiate patient's need for immediate transportation versus continued assessment/treatment at the scene
- ____ Performs other assessment before assessing/treating threats to airway, breathing and circulation
- ____ 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.