

**Idaho Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness
Basic Life Support Psychomotor Examination**



**BAG-VALVE-MASK VENTILATION
OF AN APNEIC ADULT 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	
<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>		
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 prior to ventilating patient	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]	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

- ___ Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Failure to open and clear airway within 30 seconds after taking body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- ___ 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 provide high oxygen concentration
- ___ 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
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

