



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
Advanced Level Psychomotor Examination**

ALTERNATIVE AIRWAY DEVICE (SUPRAGLOTTIC AIRWAY)

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____
Device: _____

NOTE: If candidate elects to initially ventilate with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen, full credit must be awarded for steps denoted by “***” so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Opens the airway manually	1	
Elevates tongue, inserts simple adjunct [oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal airway]	1	
NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate no gag reflex is present and patient accepts adjunct		
**Ventilates patient immediately with bag-valve-mask device unattached to oxygen	1	
**Ventilates patient with room air	1	
NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate that ventilation is being performed without difficulty and that pulse oximetry indicates the patient's blood oxygen saturation is 85%		
Attaches oxygen reservoir to bag-valve-mask device and connects to high-flow oxygen regulator [12 – 15 L/minute]	1	
Ventilates patient at a rate of 10 – 12/minute with appropriate volumes	1	
NOTE: After 30 seconds, examiner auscultates and reports breath sounds are present and equal bilaterally and medical direction has ordered insertion of a supraglottic airway. The examiner must now take over ventilation.		
Directs assistant to pre-oxygenate patient	1	
Checks/prepares supraglottic airway device	1	
Lubricates distal tip of the device [may be verbalized]	1	
NOTE: Examiner to remove OPA and move out of the way when candidate is prepared to insert device.		
Positions head properly	1	
Performs a tongue-jaw lift	1	
Inserts device to proper depth	1	
Secures device in patient [inflates cuffs with proper volumes and immediately removes syringe or secures strap]	1	
Ventilates patient and confirms proper ventilation [correct lumen and proper insertion depth] by auscultation bilaterally over lungs and over epigastrium	1	
Adjusts ventilation as necessary [ventilates through additional lumen or slightly withdraws tube until ventilation is optimized]	1	
Verifies proper tube placement by secondary confirmation such as capnography, capnometry, EDD or colorimetric device	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, “How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?”		
Secures device or confirms that the device remains properly secured	1	
Ventilates patient at proper rate and volume while observing capnography/capnometry and pulse oximeter	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	19

Critical Criteria

- Failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds after taking body substance isolation precautions or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]
- Failure to ventilate the patient at a rate of 10 – 12/minute
- Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
- Failure to pre-oxygenate patient prior to insertion of the supraglottic airway device
- Failure to insert the supraglottic airway device at a proper depth or location within 3 attempts
- Failure to inflate cuffs properly and immediately remove the syringe
- Failure to secure the strap (if present) prior to cuff inflation
- Failure to confirm that patient is being ventilated properly (correct lumen and proper insertion depth) by auscultation bilaterally over lungs and over epigastrium
- 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.