



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

PATIENT ASSESSMENT - TRAUMA

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

Scenario # _____

Time Start: _____	NOTE: Areas denoted by "****" may be integrated within sequence of Initial Assessment	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation 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 help if necessary		1	
Considers stabilization of spine		1	
INITIAL ASSESSMENT/RESUSCITATION			
Verbalizes general impression of the patient		1	
Determines responsiveness/level of consciousness		1	
Determines chief complaint/apparent life-threats		1	
Airway			
-Opens and assesses airway (1 point)		2	
-Inserts adjunct as indicated (1 point)			
Breathing			
-Assess breathing (1 point)		4	
-Assures adequate ventilation (1 point)			
-Initiates appropriate oxygen therapy (1 point)			
-Manages any injury which may compromise breathing/ventilation (1 point)			
Circulation			
-Checks pulse (1point)		4	
-Assess skin [either skin color, temperature, or condition] (1 point)			
-Assesses for and controls major bleeding if present (1 point)			
-Initiates shock management (1 point)			
Identifies priority patients/makes transport decision		1	
FOCUSED HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/RAPID TRAUMA ASSESSMENT			
Selects appropriate assessment		1	
Obtains, or directs assistant to obtain, baseline vital signs		1	
Obtains SAMPLE history		1	
DETAILED PHYSICAL EXAMINATION			
Head			
-Inspects mouth**, nose**, and assesses facial area (1 point)		3	
-Inspects and palpates scalp and ears (1 point)			
-Assesses eyes for PERRL** (1 point)			
Neck**			
-Checks position of trachea (1 point)		3	
-Checks jugular veins (1 point)			
-Palpates cervical spine (1 point)			
Chest**			
-Inspects chest (1 point)		3	
-Palpates chest (1 point)			
-Auscultates chest (1 point)			
Abdomen/pelvis**			
-Inspects and palpates abdomen (1 point)		3	
-Assesses pelvis (1 point)			
-Verbalizes assessment of genitalia/perineum as needed (1 point)			
Lower extremities**			
-Inspects, palpates, and assesses motor, sensory, and distal circulatory functions (1 point/leg)		2	
Upper extremities			
-Inspects, palpates, and assesses motor, sensory, and distal circulatory functions (1 point/arm)		2	
Posterior thorax, lumbar, and buttocks**			
-Inspects and palpates posterior thorax (1 point)		2	
-Inspects and palpates lumbar and buttocks area (1 point)			
Manages secondary injuries and wounds appropriately		1	
Performs ongoing assessment		1	
Time End: _____	TOTAL	43	

CRITICAL CRITERIA

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