

Candidate Instructions:

1. Provide the **best** answer(s) to the questions. You may not receive credit for potentially correct answers that are less important or uncommon.
 - For example, when providing a differential diagnosis, consider the more likely, important, or life-threatening diagnoses rather than potentially rare or unlikely conditions.
2. Read each question carefully. Pay attention to **specific** instructions contained in the question.
3. You can answer most questions in **ten** words or less.
4. The number of desired responses is indicated for each question. The corresponding number of answer fields is provided. Put only one answer in each answer field. Additional answers or explanations in the same answer field will not be considered.
5. When relevant, the setting in which you and the patient are located is described in the question. Answers should be appropriate for the indicated setting.
6. When ordering laboratory investigations be SPECIFIC. For example, CBC, electrolytes, drug screen, and arterial blood gases are not acceptable answers; you must list the specific indices/test you are ordering.
 - For example, 1. Hemoglobin 2. White blood cell counts 3. Potassium

The following three grouped tests are the only allowable exceptions on this examination.

- **Urinalysis,**
- **Cultures and sensitivities, and**
- **Lipid profile.**

These three are acceptable answers.

7. "ABC" or "CPR" as a management option is not acceptable. The specific maneuvers should be listed if appropriate, e.g., intubation, chest compressions, defibrillation.
8. Oxygen (O₂) and IV fluids are **treatment or management options**. They are NOT considered medications.
9. When ordering other investigations such as imaging, be as SPECIFIC about the anatomical location.
 - For example, ultrasound is not acceptable, you must specify abdominal ultrasound.
10. When listing medications, the use of either generic names or trade names is acceptable.
11. Give details about procedures/maneuvers ONLY IF DIRECTED TO DO SO.
 - For example, you do not have to describe Murphy's sign.
12. When providing values or measures, only Systeme Internationale (SI) units are acceptable.
13. Avoid abbreviations which are not commonly used, and which may not be clear to an examiner.
14. If your answer to a question is "none", you MUST type "none". Do not leave the answer box empty.
15. In the case of a multiple-choice question, type ONLY the single letter of your choice in **uppercase** in the answer box. Do not put any other characters in the field.
 - For example, B