21 Paramedic Interview Questions & Answers

1) What are responsibilities of a Paramedics?
   - Paramedics often work in emergency scenes to provide immediate medical attention to injured individuals
   - They operate heart monitors, defibrillators and other equipment's, transport patients to medical facilities and interpret readings recorded by heart monitoring devices
   - Perform endotracheal procedures and give important information to emergency staff
   - Clean areas that become contaminated from patients
   - Make sure equipment is functioning properly

2) Mention what are the types of Paramedics?
   Paramedics can operate in various fields
   - Air Ambulance Paramedics
   - Ambulance Community Officers
   - Bi-cycle Response Paramedics
   - Graduate Paramedics
   - Paramedic Community Support Co-ordinate

3) List out some of the activities that Paramedics have to do in emergency condition?
   - Perform CPR on a person who has suffered a heart attack
   - Deliver a baby if it is not possible to reach a hospital
   - Stabilize car accident victims and move them to the nearest hospital

4) As a Paramedic what should be your approach for treating broken bones?
   - Safety first: Make sure that victim is in a safe location.
   - Check for ABC: Airway, Breathing and Circulation
   - Stop Bleeding
Look for other injuries: Head, Neck or Back
With sterile dressings cover broken skin if there is any
Wait for an ambulance, while shifting make sure the joints remain immobilize
To reduce swelling you can use ice-bag, put towel between ice and skin surface to avoid frostbite
If leg is broken, keep it elevated above the level of the heart
Lay the victim on his or her back to reduce the chance of shock

5) How Paramedics will treat people having drug overdose?
For people having drug overdose, Intravenous fluids may be given to flush the drug out of the system and to re-establish balance of fluids and minerals in the body. Generally, the IV fluid they use are saline water, which contains sodium, potassium and bicarbonate it will help to balance the fluids and minerals in the body.

6) Explain what do Paramedics usually carries with them?
Paramedics usually have

- Drug dose reference card and a blank notepad
- Blank notepad
- Ambulance identification card
- Pen torch
- A pair of protective eye-care
- Access to App for Medical dictionary and Language translator

7) How can you stop bleeding in case of an accident or patient suffering from injuries?
Paramedics are aware of pressure points, and they can apply direct pressure to the injury from where bleeding occurs. The pressure points will lessen blood flow to the injury site, which causes slower haemorrhage from the site.

8) To become a Paramedic professional what are the qualifications are required?
To become a Paramedic professional you must have following qualifications like

- Completing a paramedic training course
- Certified as an EMT- basic, hold a current American Heart Association Basic Life Support for health care providers card
- Six months experience working as an EMT
- Pass the NREMT (National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians) certification exam

9) Explain how you can treat a person suffering from burn?
If it is a minor burn, then cool the burn by immersing it into the cold water.

First-degree burn

- Cooling will reduces swelling by conducting heat away
- Use sterile gauze bandage to cover the burn
- Give over-the-counter pain killer

Third-degree burn

- Do not expose large severe burns in cold water or running tap
- Don’t remove burned clothing it could make burn more severe
- Check for signs of circulation and begin CPR if there is no sign
- Cover the area of the burn
- Give a tetanus shot

10) Explain what is the difference between EMT and Paramedics?
The main difference between EMT and Paramedics is that, basic EMT training receives 120-150 hours of training while paramedics get anywhere from 1200 hours to 1800 hours of training. Paramedic degree course duration is about two years.

11) What is the machine used by Paramedics to bring heart beat back in an emergency?
The machine that is used by Paramedics to bring heart beat back is referred as defibrillator.

12) How do you use defibrillator?

- Before using defibrillator make sure if, patient pulse is there, even if it is weak don’t use defibrillator
- Remove all unnecessary jewellery from victim’s body so there should no interference while applying the pads to the patient’s bare chest
- Make sure nobody is touching the patient
- If shock waves restart the heart, do not apply any more shock
- CPR is necessary along with defibrillator; it provides oxygen rich blood to heart and brain

13) Explain what medication you can give to an epileptic during attack as Paramedic?
As Paramedics, life threatening seizures of an epileptic person can be treated by giving them
injections of Valium or Benzo-diazepine drugs till the patient reach to the hospital

14) How do you treat an epileptic patient after a seizure?
After seizure,

- Check the person for injuries
- Turn the person in a position that is more relaxed and easy for him to breath
- If person is having trouble breathing, use your finger gently to clear any obstruction in his mouth
- Loosen tight clothing around the person’s neck and waist
- Take the victim to a safe and spacious area where he/she can rest
- Until the person is not fully awake don’t give them to eat or drink

15) What do Paramedics do when they found somebody unconscious?
When they found somebody unconscious, they follow the following techniques

- They will check the response for AVP (Alert, Verbal and Pain)
- If the patient is not responding, any of this sign they will check for heart beat and airways (neck crooked, obstruction in their throat)
- If patient is not breathing, they will put on ventilator and start CPR
- Also, can give IV injection

16) List out what are some optional basic life support medication does Paramedics carries with them?
Some of the basic support medication are

- Albuterol
- Epi pens
- Oral glucose
- Nitroglycerin

17) What are the advance optional does Paramedic carries with them?

- Respirator
- Blood Sample tubes
- Automatic blood pressure device
- Laryngoscope (Adult & Paediatrics)
- Paediatric feeding tubes
- Nasogastric tubes

18) What is Nebuliser?
It is a device with a long pipe or a mask used to administer medication in the form of mist inhaled into the lungs.

19) What are the diseases for which Nebuliser is used?
Nebuliser is used for treating Cystic fibrosis, COPD, asthma and respiratory diseases
20) How rural Paramedic is different than urban Paramedic?

- Rural paramedics focus on the whole community rather than case dispatch approach
- Rather than operating solely with ambulance teams, it operates with multidisciplinary team members
- It has extra responsibilities

21) Explain how to respond to a crime scene as paramedic?

- While treating the patient Paramedic has to take care that they preserve the evidence at crime scene (Not touching suspicious element or any object)
- Make a mental note of the location of a patient
- Use a mask while entering crime scene as it may have hazardous chemical in air
- Reporting to the hospital for any suspicious observation