

C V S – MCEM January 08

Marking Criteria

Comments on general appearance – including anaemic, central cyanosis, breathlessness	1	0		
Examines both hands (must examine both)	1	0		
Checks pulse rate at wrist and correctly comments on rate and rhythm	1	0		
Checks pulse at the brachial and correctly comments on character	1	0		
Positions patient appropriately at 45 degrees and correctly identifies level of JVP	1	0		
Checks carotid pulse	1	0		
Checks for heaves / thrills and correctly relays findings	1	0		
Correctly identifies apex beat	1	0		
Listens to heart in all 4 valvular areas and employs appropriate manoeuvres to optimise auscultation	2			
Correctly identifies the murmurs if patient has murmur or says no murmur if normal	2	1	0	
Listens to carotids	1	0		
Indicates the need to listen to the bases and check sacrum and ankles (must do all for mark)	1	0		
Indicates need to check BP	1	0		
Summarises main findings succinctly	1	0		
Makes the appropriate diagnosis – right valve and right murmur	2	1	0	
Suggests medication review – postural hypotension with medication as possible cause of light-headedness	2	1	0	

Global Score from Examiner

Please refer to global score grid – <i>score out of 5</i>	5	4	3	2	1
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For Purpose of Research

Overall subjective view	Pass	Fail
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