### AMT Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT) Certification Examination Construction Parameters

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<td>I. Obtaining Blood Samples (42.5% of test)</td>
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<td>C. Apply knowledge of physiological aspects of blood collection</td>
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<td>J. Provide proper post care of venous, arterial, &amp; capillary puncture sites</td>
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<td>K. Handle blood samples to maintain specimen integrity</td>
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<td>L. Label transfusion services (blood bank) specimens according to proper protocol</td>
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II. Specimen Collection and Processing (15.5% of test)

A. Properly handle non-blood specimens to maintain their integrity

B. Properly collect and handle specimens with time, temperature, or other special requirements

C. Properly collect and handle specimens for blood cultures

D. Select proper department for specimen delivery

E. Process specimens for shipping

F. Instruct patient in the collection of urine specimens

G. Instruct patient in the collection of other non-blood specimens

H. Collect point-of-care testing (POCT) specimens

I. Meet quality assurance standards

III. Time Management and Assignment Organization (8.0% of test)

A. Read physician orders and requisitions

B. Set priorities for specimen collection

C. Schedule time intervals for tolerance tests

D. Schedule time intervals for therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM)

E. Refer problems to supervisor appropriately

F. Cooperate with co-workers in the completion of assignments

IV. Professional Communications (4.5% of test)

A. Develop and use proper and professional communication skills with staff, patients, and families

B. Use proper technique and etiquette for answering the telephone

C. Inform patients of special test requirements
V. Clerical Skills and Duties (4.0% of test)

A. Chart or file laboratory-generated reports properly

B. Enter, retrieve, and verify patient collection data and special notations using appropriate sources

C. Maintain inventory levels, order and restock supplies

D. Employ computer skills

VI. Safety Standards and Procedures (10.0% of test)

A. Identify appropriate regulatory and standard-setting agencies

B. Apply information obtained from Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and OSHA Hazardous Communications Standards

C. Employ Universal/Standard precautions

D. Employ infection control and isolation techniques

E. Recognize and manage patient problems related to syncope, nausea, and other complications

F. Employ safety procedures for environmental and physical facilities

VII. Legal, Ethical, and Professional Considerations (7.0% of test)

A. Apply principles of liability regarding the practice of phlebotomy

B. Perform duties professionally, ethically, and legally, adhering to criminal justice and civil rights acts

C. Employ professional conduct and appearance in the performance of duties

VIII. Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology (8.5% of test)

A. Employ basic terminology including suffixes, prefixes, and root words

B. Apply knowledge of basic anatomy

C. Apply knowledge of physiological systems