

**MA111
CRITICAL THINKING QUESTION
WEEK 2**

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

All Answers Must be in Complete Sentences

1. Why would a temperature taken orally, rectally, and axillary not have a common value of 98.6?

2. What does the pulse indicate and why is it important in evaluating the physical condition of a patient?

3. Since the physician is usually in the medical office when it is open, why should the medical assistant need to know how to handle medical emergencies?

4. A patient questions the accuracy of the blood pressure readings obtained using their home monitor. What do you do? (MAERB II.A.1)

5. Why is it important for a medical assistant to obtain height and weight measurements on patients at each visit to the medical office?

6. What is the difference between blood pressure and pulse, since both are used to evaluate the circulatory system?

7. What is the medical office's responsibility in preparing for community emergencies?

8. What are some physical and emotional effects that an MA might experience as a result of being involved in an emergency situation?

9. While at work you notice smoke coming from the break room. You go to investigate and see that the toaster is on fire. You determine that you will not be able to put it out with the fire extinguisher. As an MA trained in emergency preparedness, how do you respond to the emergency?

10. Identify safety techniques that can be used in responding to accidental exposure to (MAERB XII.C.2a,b,c,d):

a. blood- _____

b. other body fluids- _____

c. needle sticks- _____

d. chemicals- _____
