Q16 23 (12 marks)  
  
You are the Emergency Physician in Charge for a *regional hospital* emergency department. It is 1600 hrs on a *weekday*

You have been notified by the rural emergency services that 10 people have been involved in a major road traffic accident, *details to come later*.

Emergency department status as follows

2 Resus cubicles:

A 19 year old female with poly-pharmacy overdose and altered conscious state

A 65 year old male with STEMI who completed thrombolysis 1 hour ago and has experienced no

complications awaiting transfer to a tertiary hospital

10 General cubicles

8 patients waiting to be seen and 2 vacant cubicles

**A- State three (3) specific activities that you would undertake to prepare for this incident (3 marks)**

**1- Review current status of ED**

**2- Staff briefing of current situation**

3- Inform other stakeholders ( ie ICU, surgical team, imaging, etc )

4- Review your staffing status

**5- Call Code Brown**

6- Liaise with hospital coordinator

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**B- List six (6) steps in preparing your department prior to the arrival of patients**

* **(as per ACEM policy for surge management) (6 marks)**
* Surge Strategy and Recommendations Pre-Event Priority Actions
* Space
* Staffing
* Supply and equipment
* System operations

**Good structure to include all these aspect, not individual case in ED**

**C- you have been asked to review the current guidelines for disaster management in your department State three (3) important steps for this review process (3 marks )**

* **Read the current guidelines in conjunction with Hospital Code Brown guideline**
* **Audit any activation since last review**
* **Benchmark with other similar EDs**
* meet with senior ED RN representative- identify areas to change
* Arrange meeting with other stakeholder eg OHS, hospital management
* Prepare the resources for this update eg state guidelines
* **Write the initial draft and discuss it with stakeholders**

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