SAQ – Competence

1. You are about to see a 4 year old child in ED. Name 3 people considered to have parental responsibility (3 marks)
2. Name 3 subsets of emergency department patients who might not be able to consent (3 marks)
3. You are dealing with a hypotensive 6 year old child who was involved in an accident. Pt has free fluid in the abdomen on FAST scan. You need to urgently transfuse the child but parents are Jehovah witnesses and are opposing transfusion. Name 2 immediate steps you would take in this situation (2 marks)
4. What is the legal age of consent in Australia? (1 mark)
5. What is the single most important factor that prevents a medical practitioner from legal hassle in an emergency situation? ( 1mark)