Triage SAQ

1a) Define triage

Answer must include: a process for sorting patients based on the urgency of need for medical care (3 marks)

b) What are the underlying principles of triage?

Answer must include equity (or justice/fairness) and efficiency (2 marks)

May also mention ongoing process, doing the greatest good for the greatest number, fairness/appropriateness of treat those in greatest need ahead of those who arrived before them.

c) Populate the following table with the correct numbers (5 marks)

ATS Category Max waiting time ACEM target % seen in time

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| ATS 1 | immediate | 100% |
| ATS 2 | 10 minutes | 80% |
| ATS 3 | 30 minutes | 75% |
| ATS 4 | 60 minutes | 70% |
| ATS 5 | 120 minutes | 70% |