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Resource Title: Session 2.4: Group Activity on Triage – Answer Key

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Use the information provided to allocate a triage code to each of the following cases that were involved in a road traffic accident involving a mini-bus.

	Case	Respiration	Circulation	Consciousness	Code
1.	55 year old man	Not breathing; starts breathing when mouth is cleared	Pulse not felt	Still	Red
2.	42 year old woman	Not breathing even when mouth is cleared	Pulse not felt	Not moving at all	Black
3.	33 year old woman	22 Breaths per minute	Capillary refill 4 seconds	Conscious	Red
4.	17 year old boy	24 breaths per minute	Radial pulse felt	Limping but able to walk	Green
5.	17 year old girl	16 breaths per minute	Radial pulse felt	Responds to questions but cannot get up	Yellow
6.	22 year old woman	22 breaths per minute	Capillary refill 1 second	Gets up and walks to the place where she has been shown	Green
7.	47 year old woman	37 breaths per minute	Capillary refill less than two seconds	Alert and explaining incident in panic	Red
8.	24 year old woman	Breathing; 16 breaths per minute	Capillary refill less than 2 seconds	Moving her arms but unresponsive when asked to	Red

				mention her name	
9.	4 year old boy	Not breathing even when mouth is cleared and neck is extended	Pulse not felt at all	Not moving at all	Black
10.	28 year old woman	Coughs and starts to breathe when chest is pushed	Capillary refill less than two seconds	Drowsy	Red
11.	22 year old boy	16 breaths per minute	Pulse felt	Indicates that his ribs are sore but confused	Yellow
12.	A man in his mid-forties	Not breathing	Capillary refill unclear; looks like 8 seconds	Un responsive and not moving at all even when shaken	Black
13.	32 year old man	Breathing; 4 breaths per minute	Pulse full and rapid	Makes some noise only when taking a breath	Red
14.	66 year old man	38 breaths per minute	Pulse full	At first able to explain pain but becomes unresponsive after 30 seconds	Red
15.	54 year old woman	Starts breathing when neck is extended	Pulse full	Occasional movements	Red
16.	65 year old man	Breathing; 26 breaths per minute	Pulse confusing but capillary refill less than 2 seconds	Groaning in pain but responds to commands	Yellow
17.	Driver of the bus	Immediately fled from the scene			Green
18.	21 year old man	Breathing; 22 breaths per minute	Pulse full; perfusion normal	Responds to all questions asked but not able to walk	Yellow
19.	58 year old woman	Not breathing; gasps and starts breathing when mouth cleared	Pulse full and perfusion is normal	Conscious	Red
20.	7 year old boy; very severely injured and crushed	Was breathing very weakly but suddenly stops, even when	Pulse not felt at all; cold and pale	Completely still and un-arousable	Black

		mouth is cleared and neck is stretched; only gasps once in 30 seconds			
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Questions:

1. How many people need immediate care (Code Red) **(9 out of 20)**
2. How many casualties are confirmed dead **(None: Triage is a continuous process; even the 'black coded' needs re-triaging).**