

### Problem: Blood Gases and Dead Space<sup>i</sup>

Arterial blood of several individuals was analyzed for O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> gas tensions (P<sub>aO2</sub> and P<sub>aCO2</sub>, respectively), O<sub>2</sub> concentration (C<sub>aO2</sub> in  $\frac{cc\ O_2}{100\ cc\ blood}$ ), and percent O<sub>2</sub> saturation (S<sub>aO2</sub>).

INDIVIDUAL	P <sub>aO2</sub>	P <sub>aCO2</sub>	C <sub>aO2</sub>	S <sub>aO2</sub>
A	100	40	20	97
B	100	40	10	97
C	120	20	20	98
D	600	40	22	100
E	45	35	20	90

Assume individual A is a normal human breathing room air at sea level. Indicate what might be responsible for the blood gas values in the four other individuals.

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate V<sub>D</sub> given the following information. Do not convert to STPD.

V<sub>E</sub>: 0.5 liters

F<sub>ECO2</sub>: 0.035

F<sub>ACO2</sub>: 0.054

breathing rate:  $\frac{15}{\text{min}}$

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

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