

POLICE OFFICER  
PREPARATION MATERIALS

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Take this free practice test to see what types of questions you may face on a police officer entrance exam. Many police departments and law enforcement agencies use the National Police Officer Selection Test (POST), which focuses primarily on math, reading comprehension, grammar and writing skills. 31 questions.

1. Officer Smith often works as a drug-use prevention officer in the local public schools. He visits three schools a week, 40 weeks out of the year. How many schools does he visit in a year?
  - a. 100
  - b. 110
  - c. 120
  - d. 130
  
2. A robbery suspect has been arrested. The judge in the case has set bail at one million dollars. The bail bondsman requires a 10% deposit to issue a bail bond. What portion of the one million dollars does the robbery suspect need to pay to get the bail bond?
  - a. \$100,000
  - b. \$10,000
  - c. \$1,000
  - d. \$100
  
3. Select the word or phrase that most clearly means the same as the underlined word.

When the suspect refused to open the door, the police executed the search warrant and took the door off of its hinges.

  - a. broke down
  - b. presented
  - c. signed
  - d. carried out

4. Identify the misspelled word in the following sentence.

The surprising news anemated the conversation amongst the group

- a. surprising
- b. anemated
- c. conversation
- d. amongst

5. Solve the following:

$$18 - 3 + (-5) =$$

- a. 26
- b. 20
- c. 16
- d. 10

6. Cindy goes to her bank to withdraw some money from her account. She has a balance of \$527.41. She withdraws \$250.00. What is the balance of her account after the withdrawal?

- a. \$227.41
- b. \$237.41
- c. \$247.41
- d. \$257.41
- e. \$277.41

7. Starting from the ground floor, John takes an elevator to the 10th floor. John then goes down 2 floors and up 8 floors. John is on what floor?

- a. 20
- b. 18
- c. 16
- d. 4

8. The witness said that \_\_\_\_\_ staying at a local motel

- a. their
- b. they're
- c. there
- d. None of the above.

9. The shooting occurred early Monday morning, at 3:27." Which word is misspelled?

- a. shooting
- b. occurred
- c. morning
- d. early

10. Select the sentence that is correctly written.

- a. Officer Salanco and me drove to the scene of the crime.
- b. I and Officer Salanco drove to the scene of the crime.
- c. Officer Salanco and I drove to the scene of the crime.
- d. Me and Officer Salanco drove to the scene of the crime.

11. Select the sentence that is correctly written.

- a. Last week, the officers had self-defense training.
- b. Last week, the officers have self-defense training.
- c. Last week, the officers has self-defense training.
- d. The officers, last week, have self-defense training.

Use the following information to answer questions 12-14. A local pharmacy has been burglarized. The following is a summary of the kinds of drugs that were stolen and their total value: Narcotics \$7,000; Barbiturates \$4,000; Analgesics \$9,500; and Other \$3,000.

12. What category of drugs represents the most expensive loss to the pharmacy?

- a. Narcotics
- b. Analgesics
- c. Barbiturates
- d. Other

13. What was the total value of the stolen goods?

- a. \$23,500.00
- b. \$22,500.00
- c. \$24,500.00
- d. \$23,000.00

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Read the following passage **once** and then answer questions 15 - 18. **Do not refer back to the passage to answer the following questions.**

The city has a policy that searches can be conducted on an employee's locker, desk or city-owned vehicle at any time, with or without the employee's presence. Officer Randall is asked by his supervisor to search the desk of the City Controller, an elected official, due to the report of a city worker that the City Controller was seen smoking marijuana behind the city building and putting a baggie with a green leafy substance in his desk about one hour ago. When the City Controller's secretary refused to allow the search, Officer Randall showed the secretary a written copy of the city policy. The secretary called the City Controller, who was out on a job site, inspecting a city owned warehouse. He informed the secretary to refuse the search on the basis that he is an elected official. Officer Randall forced his way passed the secretary and went through the City Controller's desk. Nothing incriminating was found. The secretary sustained a broken arm as a result of the incident. The city worker who reported the City Controller was known to have much animosity toward the City Controller because the City Controller suspended the city worker the previous month for tardiness.

15. On what basis does Officer Randall seek to search the desk of the City Controller?

- a. search warrant
- b. city policy
- c. imminent threat of the destruction of evidence
- d. inherent police power

16. The City Controller does not agree to the search on basis that he is an elected official. Which of the following states his position in another way?

- a. He's done nothing wrong.
- b. There's nothing incriminating in his desk.
- c. That the police officer has merely a copy of the policy, not the policy itself.
- d. That he is not a city employee.

17. Which of the following is a true statement based on the passage?

- a. The city worker who reported the crime actually saw what he reported.
- b. The city worker's report of a crime is reliable.
- c. The City Controller took the bag of marijuana before the officer searched the drawer.
- d. The city worker had a motive to harm the reputation of the City Controller.

18. How many people are referenced in the passage?

- a. 3
- b. 4
- c. 5
- d. 6

19. Which of the following sentences is not grammatically correct?

- a. The accident happened on Seventh street at two-thirty in the afternoon.
- b. All the witness gave good statements.
- c. The incident report has a number of issues.
- d. You have to finish the report on the traffic accident before you can go home.

20. Their were two cars involved in the accident that happened Monday morning at the corner of Broadway and Third Street.

Which word is misspelled?

- a. corner
- b. happened
- c. accident
- d. Their

21. Jane's monthly income in the year 2010 was \$48,200, where 14% of her salary was withheld for income tax. In the year 2011, her monthly salary was \$51,800, where 16% of her income was withheld for income tax. What was her average take home pay during the years 2010-2011?

- a. \$48,482
- b. \$46,486
- c. \$44,462
- d. \$42,482

22. There were five \_\_\_\_\_ to the crime.

- a. witness's
- b. witness'
- c. witnesses
- d. witness

23. During a 10 day period, Officer Mandel drove his patrol motorcycle 1320 miles. If he drove 105 miles on one day, how many miles did he average on the other days?

- a. 105
- b. 135
- c. 255
- d. 305

24. Officer Perry prepared a police report on a theft from a hardware store. He listed the stolen property as follows:

Air Compressor - \$600

Drill - \$100

Electric Saw - \$250

Copper Pipe - \$500

What is the total value of the stolen property?

- a. \$1400
- b. \$1450
- c. \$1550
- d. \$1650

25. What is the value of the goods in question 24 not including the electric saw?

- a. \$1100
- b. \$1200
- c. \$1300
- d. \$1400

26. Which term is **opposite** in meaning from the underlined word in the following sentence?

The women seemed to be inebriated when giving her statement to the police officer.

- a. uneducated
- b. sophisticated
- c. awake
- d. sober



27. What term is the **same** in meaning as the word lacerated in the following sentence?

The victim's arm was lacerated in the accident.

- a. cut
- b. broken
- c. pulverized
- d. folded

Read the following scenario and answer questions 28 - 31.

In an effort to cut down on traffic and air pollution in the center of town, an ordinance is enacted and signed by the mayor that forbids certain size trucks from entering the city limits, except delivery trucks which have either to drop off or pick up goods or other materials from local businesses or residences. To enter the city, delivery vehicles must first obtain a special permit from the office of licenses and permits and display the permit on the front windshield. The ordinance authorizes the police to ticket any truck in the city not displaying a permit.

On May 2nd, Officer Brown saw a truck go by him in the town without a permit displayed. He pulled the truck over and questioned the driver. The driver said he was from out-of-town and was not aware of the ordinance. Officer Brown gave the driver a warning and told him to either drive out of the city or, if he was making a delivery, to go to the office of license and permits to get a permit. The driver was compliant and drove out of the town. On May 10th, Officer Brown saw the same truck and driver in the town, again without the required permit. The driver apologized and said he did not know he was in the city limits. Officer Brown ticketed the driver.

The driver appealed his ticket and a hearing was held in the city on May 28th. The judge was not sympathetic to the driver's excuse, as there was a sign giving notice of the city limit just down the street that the driver had passed when entering the city limits. When Officer Brown was leaving the courthouse, he noticed the driver had parked his truck in a lot down the street. Officer Brown was surprised to see that the truck failed to display the required permit. Officer Brown put a ticket on the front windshield of the truck and went about his day.

28. Why did Officer Brown ticket the driver the first time?

- a. The driver ignored the warning that was given the first time.
- b. The driver did not have the required permit.
- c. The officer wanted to teach the driver a lesson.
- d. The driver parked his vehicle outside the courthouse without the required permit.

29. Why was the judge not swayed by the driver's excuse?

- a. The driver had sufficient notice of the city limit.
- b. The driver ignored the first warning given by the police officer.
- c. The driver parked the truck outside the courthouse without the required permit.
- d. None of the above.

30. Based on the driver's conduct after the warning, what can be concluded from the passage?

- a. The driver was making a delivery within the city limits.
- b. The driver was not making a delivery within the city limits.
- c. It cannot be determined from the passage whether the driver was making a delivery within the city limits.

31. On what date did the driver get his first ticket?

- a. May 2nd
- b. May 3rd
- c. May 10th
- d. May 28th

# ANSWERS

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7. c
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12. b
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28. b
29. a
30. b
31. c

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