



Alexandria Police Officer Entry Exam Study Guide

Please use the guide below to help you prepare for the Alexandria Police exam. The exam is composed of similar questions and scenarios and will test your ability to interpret information. **NO PRIOR LAW OR LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**. Read each section summary and answer the sample questions. An answer key is provided at the end of the guide to check your answers.

The actual exam is timed. If you will need special accommodations to take the exam, please let the Recruiter know prior to the exam date and time or immediately upon arrival.

A score of 70% is required to pass the exam.

If there are any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to your Alexandria Police Department recruiter:

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SECTION II SUMMARY (25 minutes)

In this section of the exam, you will read passages relating to police duty. You will then answer questions based on these passages. All the information needed to answer the questions will be provided in the passage.

THE PASSAGES IN THE SECTION ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT ACTUAL LAW OF ANY PARTICULAR STATE. THE PASSAGES PRESENT POTENTIAL RULES AND LAWS RELATING TO POLICE WORK.

Three different types of questions will be asked in this section.

- 1. True/false questions in which a statement will be given concerning a passage or a sample report form. The statement will be either accurate and true based in the passage or form, the statement will be inaccurate and false according to the passage or form.
- 2. Questions in which you will be asked to choose the correct answer according to the information presented in the passage or on a sample report form.
- 3. Questions in which you will be asked to choose the alternative that best completes the sentence. Again, answers should be based on the information in the passage or on the report form.

Read the sample passage below and then answer the sample questions. An example of each type of question is provided.

SAMPLE PASSAGE

When conducting a search of a vehicle at a crime scene, it is very important to be methodical and thorough. The nature if the crime will dictate how thorough the search must be; in a hit-and-run, the outside and undercarriage must be probed with great care, while on a homicide or burglary, all areas of the vehicle should be examined equally. Examination of the exterior of the car, which should be searched first, should focus on the grill and hood. The person investigating should be on the lookout for broken or damaged areas, cloth imprints in dust, road dirt on the car's finish and hair or fibers adhering to any part of the car. All evidence should be recorded, photographed, sketched, and collected as it is found. Following this initial search, the investigator should next examine the car for fingerprints.

- 1. According to the passage, the undercarriage of a vehicle involved in a homicide is the most important area to search.
 - A. True B. False
- 2. According to the passage, what should an investigator do when evidence is found?
- A. Photograph it B. Collect it C. send it to a lab for analysis
 - D. All the above E. A and B
- 3. According to the passage, the exterior of the car should be searched first.
 - A. True B. False

4. According to the passage, on what should an investigator focus in a car believed to have been involved in a hit and run?

A. The grill	B. The interior	C. The hood
D. All the above	E. A and C	

Section III SUMMARY (15 minutes)

This section of the exam requires you to identify errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling. There are two types of questions presented in this section. The first type presents incomplete sentences, and you are to choose the alternative that best completes the sentence. For these items, be sure to read carefully any material appearing before or after the item. The right answer may be dependent on this material. The second type presents sentences that contain a spelling error, and you are to choose the alternative that contains the misspelled word. Look at the examples below.

SAMPLE SENTENCE

- THE Global Positioning System (GPS), ______ utilizes a network of satellites put in orbit by the Defense Department, can pinpoint a location within a matter of feet, anywhere on the Earth.
 - A. Who B. whom C. what D. which
- This system is particularly ______ when life and death are hanging in the balance
 A. useful B. usefull C. usfull D. usefill E. usefuel

Choose the alternative that complete the sentence correctly.

- 3. The jury was told not to convict if there was ______ doubt.
 - A. reasons B. reasoning C. reasonable.
- 4. An inmate in the county jail has a limit of ______ visitors at a time.
 - A. to B. two C. too
- 5. The rise in juvenile arrest rates can be ______ to stricter curfew enforcement.A. attributed B. apprised C. accountable D. affirmed E. avowed

Section IV SUMMARY (15 minutes)

Section IV tests your writing skills. In this section you will receive a completed sample incident report form. You will use the information on that form to answer the questions in complete sentences. There are 10 questions.

Each answer must be written in complete sentences. You will be evaluated on your ability to write complete sentences, grammar, and spelling.

Sample Question

On what date did the incident take place?

Correct Sample Answer

The incident took place on June 14th.

Note that the response to the question is written in a complete sentence.

TEST ANSWER KEY

Section I	I	Section III
1.	В	1. D
2.	E	2. A
3.	A	3. C
4.	E	4. B
		5. A