HISTORY NOTEBOOK 63

POLICE SERVICE STANDARD ENTRANCE TESTS

SURNAME and INITIALS (Block capitals) ____________________________ Date ____________

Applicant's Number __________________________

The first national police standard entrance exams for England and Wales were introduced in 1964. Before that each force set its own test papers.

They checked individuals' general knowledge in English language, spelling, arithmetic and general observation.

This History Notebook has a selection of questions scanned from the five original 1976 entrance tests for you to try, just for fun!

The answers are given on the last page. Good luck, you may begin!

TEST 1

MIXED SENTENCES TEST

Time allowed, 20 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS AND EXAMPLES

This test contains a number of sentences. In each sentence there are two words which have to be put in place of each other in order to make the sentence read sensibly. You have to pick out these words and underline them. Make sure that your underlining does not extend beyond the word you mean to underline.

Examples

1. **General** people who have to go into hospital are admitted to **most** wards.

2. It has **not** been said that in this country we do **often** like theory; we prefer to think of John Bull as very **practical**.

DO NOT TURN OVER THE PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD
18. On the new modern estates can be seen bright housing homes, where rows of dingy slums once stood.

19. Many lovers of the countryside are concerned by the expense in which industry is expanding at the way of the landscape.

20. As the motor car became the established successor to the horse as a scope of transport, so the means of its commercial use increased.

21. In the middle of winter, the safety of salt on the roads is important for the use of motorists.

22. In many families the temporary burden of a wife and mother imposes a crushing disablement on the rest of the household.

23. Every year man kills increasingly another species of wild animals and puts off more creatures in danger of extinction.

VERBAL TEST

Time allowed, 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS AND EXAMPLES

In this test you will find on the left of each page a list of the meanings of different words. You have to decide what the appropriate word is in each case and write in BLOCK CAPITALS in the answer space on the right of the page. A clue is given to help you with each word. This clue gives the first and last letters (sometimes the last two letters) of the word and also shows the number of letters in the word.

Examples

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<th>Meaning</th>
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<td>empty; not occupied</td>
<td>V....T</td>
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Meaning

1. to give notice of danger     | to W..N
2. one who lives a solitary life| H....T
3. to breathe in               | to I...LE
4. the ability to meet danger without fear | C....GE
5. easily broken               | F....LE
6. to shake from fear or cold  | to T....LE
7. intense enthusiasm          | Z..L
8. of the same value           | E...L
9. away, not present           | A....T
10. to disappear or cease to exist | to V....H

SPELLING TEST

Time allowed, 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS AND EXAMPLES
In this test each question consists of four spellings of a word, arranged in columns: A, B, C and D. You have to decide whether any of the spellings is correct. If one is correct, write the letter of the column in which it appears under ‘Answer’ on the right of the page. If none of the spellings is correct write ‘NONE’ as your answer.

Examples:

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ARITHMETIC TEST

Time allowed, 25 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS

This test contains 20 short problems in arithmetic. You may do rough work anywhere on the pages but you MUST put your answers in the answer spaces.

7. If 20 cigarettes cost 30p and a man spends £4.20 on cigarettes per week, how many does he smoke on average per day?

13. What is the area in square yards of a piece of material measuring 4½ feet by 12 feet?

18. If the pound sterling is worth 2·40 dollars and is devalued by 0·5 per cent, what would be the new exchange rate? (by devaluation is meant that the pound sterling will be worth fewer dollars).

19. Jones started his job earning £1250.00 per annum. This amount was increased by 10 per cent of the original each year. If he saved 5 per cent of his earnings the first year, 7 per cent the second and 10 per cent the third, how much had he saved after 3 years?

20. If a car travels 30 miles to the gallon of petrol, how many kilometres will it travel to the litre? (1 gallon = 4·5 litres, 1 mile = 1·6 kilometres). Give the answer correct to 2 decimal places.
**INSTRUCTIONS AND EXAMPLES**

In the list below the names and addresses in Column A have been copied in Column B, but in some cases one mistake has been made in the copying. Check each name and address, and where there is ANY mistake in the copying put a cross (X) beside it in the Answer Column. If there is no mistake leave the Answer space blank.

Here are three examples of entries which have been checked for you.

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**ANSWERS**