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**1. A station rule states: 'Any vehicle entering the secured lot must display a valid parking decal.' Agent Lopez sees a truck in the secured lot with no decal. Based ONLY on this rule, what can be concluded?**

- A. The truck is in violation of the parking rule
- B. The truck belongs to a visitor
- C. The truck was stolen
- D. The driver forgot the decal at home

**2. Two records must match exactly. Record 1: 'Hernandez, Miguel A.' Record 2: 'Hernandez, Miguel A.' Do the names match?**

- A. Yes, they are identical
- B. No, the middle initials differ
- C. No, the surnames differ
- D. No, the first names differ

**3. What are the three Core Values of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)?**

- A. Vigilance, Service to Country, and Integrity
- B. Honor, Courage, and Commitment
- C. Loyalty, Duty, and Respect
- D. Bravery, Honesty, and Teamwork

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**4. A family with young children is being processed and the children are distressed. Within the bounds of your duties, what is appropriate?**

- A. Treat them with patience and basic humanity while completing required procedures
- B. Rush them through without any care
- C. Separate the children to speed things up
- D. Ignore the children's distress entirely



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**5. Which U.S. federal department is the parent of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which operates the U.S. Border Patrol?**

- A. U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- B. U.S. Department of State
- C. U.S. Department of Defense
- D. U.S. Department of Justice

**6. Vellan uses Subject-Object-Verb order. To say 'I see the dog' (mi=I, kano=dog, kori=see), which is correct?**

- A. mi kano kori
- B. mi kori kano
- C. kano mi kori
- D. kori mi kano

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**7. Passage: "Border Patrol agents patrol nearly 6,000 miles of land border and 2,000 miles of coastal waters. Their primary mission is to detect and prevent the illegal entry of people and goods into the country. Agents work in remote deserts, dense forests, and busy urban checkpoints alike." What is the main idea of this passage?**

- A. Agents only work in deserts
- B. Border Patrol agents guard a vast and varied border to prevent illegal entry
- C. Coastal waters are easier to patrol than land
- D. Most illegal entry occurs in cities

**8. All agents on the night shift carry a radio. Officer Reyes is on the night shift. Which conclusion MUST be true?**

- A. Officer Reyes carries a radio
- B. Officer Reyes works alone
- C. Only night-shift agents carry radios
- D. Officer Reyes dislikes the night shift

**9. Policy: 'Detainees must be searched before being placed in a holding cell.' An agent is about to place a detainee in a cell. According to policy, what must happen first?**

- A. The detainee must be photographed
- B. The detainee must sign a waiver
- C. The detainee must be searched
- D. The cell must be cleaned



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**10. Compare: 'Johnson, Carla R.' vs 'Johnston, Carla R.' Which field differs?**

- A. Surname
- B. Middle initial
- C. Nothing differs
- D. First name

**11. In the CBP Core Values, 'Vigilance' primarily means that employees should:**

- A. Work overtime whenever asked
- B. Always be ready to protect the nation from threats and harm
- C. Watch coworkers for policy violations
- D. Report only to the senior officer on duty

**12. You are nearly certain a document is fraudulent but a quick check is inconclusive. The line behind you is growing. What should you do?**

- A. Wave the traveler through to clear the line
- B. Refer the traveler to secondary inspection for thorough review
- C. Confiscate the document and send the traveler away with no record
- D. Make a final decision without any further check

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**13. An 'alien' under U.S. immigration law is best defined as a person who is:**

- A. A naturalized U.S. citizen
- B. A lawful permanent resident only
- C. Any person who is not a citizen or national of the United States
- D. Anyone born outside the United States

**14. Vellan word order is Subject-Object-Verb. In an SOV sentence, the verb appears where?**

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Last
- D. It varies



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**15. Passage:** "New agents complete months of academy training that covers law, Spanish, marksmanship, and physical conditioning. The goal is to prepare them for the unpredictable situations they will face in the field." The main idea is that:

- A. Spanish is the most important subject
- B. Marksmanship is rarely used
- C. Academy training broadly prepares new agents for unpredictable fieldwork
- D. Physical conditioning replaces classroom study

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**16. No vehicles without a valid permit may enter the checkpoint. The blue sedan has no valid permit. What follows?**

- A. The blue sedan is stolen
- B. The blue sedan may not enter the checkpoint
- C. The blue sedan will be searched
- D. The driver will be arrested

**17. Policy: 'Firearms must be unloaded and secured in the gun locker before an agent enters the detainee processing area.' Agent Kim is entering processing with a loaded firearm. What is the correct conclusion?**

- A. Kim is following policy
- B. Kim may enter if a supervisor is present
- C. Kim may enter if the safety is on
- D. Kim is violating policy and must secure the firearm first

**18. Alien Registration Number on file: A 098 765 432. Document presented: A 098 765 432. Do they match?**

- A. Yes
- B. No, last digit differs
- C. No, first digit differs
- D. No, length differs

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**19. In the CBP Core Values, 'Service to Country' is best demonstrated by:**

- A. Refusing any assignment outside one's job description
- B. Prioritizing personal advancement over the mission
- C. Upholding the principles of the U.S. Constitution and serving the American public
- D. Following only state law

**20. A teammate proposes a tactic you believe is unsafe during planning. The best response is to:**

- A. Voice your safety concern and suggest an alternative during planning
- B. Stay silent and go along with it
- C. Wait until the operation to refuse
- D. Mock the idea publicly

**21. The primary federal statute governing immigration and nationality in the United States is the:**

- A. Patriot Act
- B. Posse Comitatus Act
- C. Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)
- D. Homeland Security Act

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**22. Given SOV order, translate 'The cat eats bread' (sela=cat, pan=bread, deni=eats).**

- A. sela deni pan
- B. sela pan deni
- C. pan sela deni
- D. deni sela pan

**23. Passage: "During the 12-hour shift, Agent Lopez logged four vehicle stops, two foot pursuits, and one assist to a stranded motorist." How many vehicle stops did Agent Lopez log?**

- A. Four
- B. Two
- C. One
- D. Twelve



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**24. Anyone who passes the fitness test advances to the interview. Cadet Lin did not advance to the interview. What can be concluded?**

- A. Cadet Lin failed the interview
- B. Cadet Lin skipped the test
- C. Cadet Lin did not pass the fitness test
- D. Cadet Lin will retake the test

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**25. All agents at Station 7 completed firearms qualification. Officer Hale is an agent at Station 7. What follows?**

- A. Hale is a firearms instructor
- B. Hale completed firearms qualification
- C. Hale failed qualification
- D. Hale works at a different station

**26. Passport No. on file: X4729183. Scanned: X4729813. Which describes the error?**

- A. Two middle digits are transposed
- B. An extra digit was added
- C. The letter prefix changed
- D. No error

**27. An officer chooses to disclose a minor honest mistake on a report even though no one would have noticed. This best reflects which Core Value?**

- A. Vigilance
- B. Service to Country
- C. Efficiency
- D. Integrity

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**28. During a chaotic mass-arrival event, multiple things demand your attention at once and tension is high. What helps you perform best?**

- A. Try to do everything simultaneously
- B. Freeze until someone tells you what to do
- C. Vent your frustration loudly
- D. Stay calm, prioritize tasks, and communicate clearly with your team

**29. A person who presents at a port of entry and requests entry to the United States is legally considered to be seeking:**

- A. Admission as an arriving alien
- B. Asylum automatically
- C. Voluntary departure
- D. Parole

**30. Vellan is SOV. The string 'ze ru mori' is given. Mapping ze=they, ru=water, mori=want, what does it mean?**

- A. Water wants them
- B. Want they water
- C. They water are
- D. They want water



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**1. A — The truck is in violation of the parking rule**

The rule requires a valid decal for any vehicle in the lot. A vehicle with no decal therefore violates the rule. The other choices add facts the rule does not supply.

**2. A — Yes, they are identical**

Both records read 'Hernandez, Miguel A.' character for character, so they match exactly.

**3. A — Vigilance, Service to Country, and Integrity**

CBP's three official Core Values are Vigilance, Service to Country, and Integrity. They head the CBP Standards of Conduct and guide all agency conduct.

**4. A — Treat them with patience and basic humanity while completing required procedures**

Treating people with dignity, especially vulnerable individuals like children, is consistent with professional standards while still following procedure.

**5. A — U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

The U.S. Border Patrol is part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**6. A — mi kano kori**

SOV order places subject first, object second, verb last: mi (S) kano (O) kori (V).

**7. B — Border Patrol agents guard a vast and varied border to prevent illegal entry**

The passage describes the broad scope of the mission across many terrains; the central point is that agents protect a large, varied border to stop illegal entry.

**8. A — Officer Reyes carries a radio**

The premises state every night-shift agent carries a radio and Reyes is on that shift, so she must carry one. The other options add facts not given.

**9. C — The detainee must be searched**

The policy states a search must occur before cell placement, so the search is the required prior step. The other actions are not mentioned by the rule.

**10. A — Surname**

'Johnson' versus 'Johnston' — the surname contains an extra 't', so the surnames differ.

**11. B — Always be ready to protect the nation from threats and harm**

Vigilance means CBP personnel are constantly watchful and alert to protect America from those who would do it harm. It is about safeguarding the nation, not surveilling coworkers.

**12. B — Refer the traveler to secondary inspection for thorough review**

When primary inspection is inconclusive, referral to secondary allows a thorough review without rushing. Line



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pressure should not override accuracy.

**13. C — Any person who is not a citizen or national of the United States**

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, an alien is any person who is neither a U.S. citizen nor a U.S. national, regardless of birthplace.

**14. C — Last**

In Subject-Object-Verb (SOV) order the verb always comes last.

**15. C — Academy training broadly prepares new agents for unpredictable fieldwork**

The passage lists varied training subjects and states the goal is preparation for unpredictable field situations, which is the main idea.

**16. B — The blue sedan may not enter the checkpoint**

Lacking a permit places the sedan in the excluded group, so it may not enter. Theft, search, and arrest are not stated by the premises.

**17. D — Kim is violating policy and must secure the firearm first**

The policy requires the firearm to be unloaded and locked before entering. A loaded, unsecured firearm violates the policy, so Kim must secure it first.

**18. A — Yes**

Both numbers are A 098 765 432, an exact digit-for-digit match.

**19. C — Upholding the principles of the U.S. Constitution and serving the American public**

Service to Country means working to uphold the principles enshrined in the Constitution and serving the nation with the highest degree of integrity, reflecting dedication to the public good.

**20. A — Voice your safety concern and suggest an alternative during planning**

Planning is the time to raise safety concerns constructively. Voicing them with alternatives improves the plan, unlike silence or last-minute refusal.

**21. C — Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)**

The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended, is the principal body of law governing immigration, admission, and removal.

**22. B — *sela pan deni***

Subject (*sela*), object (*pan*), then verb (*deni*): *sela pan deni*.

**23. A — Four**

The passage states Agent Lopez logged four vehicle stops during the shift.

**24. C — Cadet Lin did not pass the fitness test**

Passing the test guarantees advancement; since Lin did not advance, by contrapositive she did not pass the test. The other claims are not supported.

**25. B — Hale completed firearms qualification**

If all Station 7 agents qualified and Hale is one, then Hale qualified. This is a valid categorical deduction.

**26. A — Two middle digits are transposed**

'...9183' versus '...9813' — the '1' and '8' are swapped, a transposition error.



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**27. D — Integrity**

Integrity is the cornerstone value: CBP personnel are guided by the highest ethical and moral principles. Voluntarily disclosing an honest mistake even when unobserved directly expresses integrity.

**28. D — Stay calm, prioritize tasks, and communicate clearly with your team**

Under high-tempo stress, calm prioritization and clear communication keep the operation organized and safe, whereas panic compounds the chaos.

**29. A — Admission as an arriving alien**

A person presenting at a port of entry is an 'arriving alien' seeking admission and is subject to inspection by a CBP officer before any admission.

**30. D — They want water**

SOV: ze (they, subject) ru (water, object) mori (want, verb) = 'They want water.'



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