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**1. Your supervisor instructs you to record an incident as a lower severity offence to improve the division's statistics. What should you do?**

- A. Follow the supervisor's instructions — they outrank you
- B. Refuse and record the incident accurately; if pressured, escalate through the proper complaints process
- C. Record it as the supervisor says to avoid conflict
- D. Change the record after the supervisor reviews it

**2. A store owner asks you to remove a homeless individual who is sitting outside their store but is not doing anything illegal. What should you do?**

- A. Arrest the individual for loitering
- B. Explain to the store owner that no crime is being committed and speak to the individual respectfully
- C. Forcibly remove the individual
- D. Ignore the complaint

**3. A victim of domestic violence tells you not to charge their partner because they are afraid of losing financial support. What should you do?**

- A. Respect the victim's wishes and do not charge the partner
- B. Charge the partner and ignore the victim's concerns
- C. Delay the file until the victim feels ready to proceed
- D. Explain the charging process, connect them with victim services, document the case fully, and proceed with charges if there are reasonable grounds

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**4. You respond to a call about a person in mental health crisis. The individual is not violent but is very distressed. What is the BEST approach?**

- A. Arrest them for their own protection
- B. Ignore the call — it is a medical matter
- C. Use a calm and de-escalation approach and connect them with mental health resources
- D. Issue an order to comply and threaten arrest if they do not calm down

**5. A senior officer instructs you to stop documenting a particular complaint category in order to improve stats. What should you do?**

- A. Follow the instruction — the senior officer is responsible, not you
- B. Decline the instruction, document the order given to you, and escalate through the proper complaint or ethics channel
- C. Follow the instruction quietly but keep your own personal record
- D. Ask to be transferred before complying

**6. If a shift ends at 06:00 and the officer started 10 hours ago, at what time did the shift begin?**

- A. 20:00
- B. 21:00
- C. 19:00
- D. 22:00

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**7. A police division has 300 officers. After budget cuts, 15% are laid off. Of the remaining officers, 20% are promoted to supervisory roles. How many officers remain as non-supervisors?**

- A. 204
- B. 210
- C. 200
- D. 220

**8. An officer must interview 5 witnesses. Each interview takes between 20 and 40 minutes. What is the MINIMUM time needed to complete all interviews?**

- A. 100 minutes
- B. 120 minutes
- C. 150 minutes
- D. 200 minutes



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**9. Which section of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects against arbitrary detention?**

- A. Section 7
- B. Section 9
- C. Section 10
- D. Section 12

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**10. The term 'bail' in Canadian law refers to:**

- A. Permanent release from prison
- B. Temporary release of an accused person from custody, pending trial
- C. A type of fine
- D. A plea bargain arrangement

**11. Which section of the Canadian Charter protects freedom of expression?**

- A. Section 7
- B. Section 9
- C. Section 10
- D. Section 2(b)

**12. What is the role of the Crown Attorney in the Canadian criminal justice system?**

- A. To defend the accused
- B. To prosecute criminal cases on behalf of the state
- C. To preside over the court
- D. To investigate crimes

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**13. The Sûreté du Québec (SQ) is the provincial police force of which province?**

- A. Ontario
- B. Quebec
- C. New Brunswick
- D. Manitoba



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**14. The principle of 'rule of law' in Canada means:**

- A. Police have unlimited authority to enforce order
- B. Everyone — including the government and police — is subject to the law equally
- C. The government may override individual rights when necessary
- D. Courts cannot review police actions

**15. Choose the correctly spelled word as used in police/legal writing:**

- A. Affidavit
- B. Affidavid
- C. Afidavit
- D. Affidavite

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**16. Which of the following is spelled correctly?**

- A. Occurance
- B. Occurrence
- C. Occurence
- D. Occurrance

**17. Which of the following is spelled correctly?**

- A. Absense
- B. Absence
- C. Abcence
- D. Absance

**18. When numbering items in a police report, which approach is BEST?**

- A. Skip numbering and rely on prose
- B. Use Roman numerals for primary events
- C. Number items consecutively and ensure each point addresses only one fact
- D. Use letters for facts and numbers for opinions

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19. Using the same passage (Q71): In which direction was the suspect running?

- A. South
- B. East
- C. West
- D. North

20. Read: 'Community policing is not a single program but a philosophy. It requires officers to be proactive problem-solvers, not reactive crime-fighters. Success is measured not by arrest numbers but by community safety and trust.' — How is success measured according to this passage?

- A. By the number of arrests made
- B. By response time to calls
- C. By community safety and trust
- D. By the number of convictions secured

21. Read: 'Officers attended a residential address following a 911 call from a neighbour who reported hearing a loud argument. Upon arrival, both residents denied any dispute had occurred. There were no visible injuries and no property damage was observed. Both parties were calm at the time of the officers' arrival.' — What should the officers do regarding documentation?

- A. File no report since nothing happened
- B. Document the attendance and observations in an occurrence report
- C. Write a full arrest report
- D. Contact the Crown Attorney before filing any documentation

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22. What comes next: 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, \_\_\_?

- A. 18
- B. 19
- C. 21
- D. 20

23. What comes next in the series: 3, 8, 15, 24, 35, \_\_\_?

- A. 48
- B. 44
- C. 46
- D. 50



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**24. Which word is closest in meaning to 'recidivism'?**

- A. First-time offending
- B. Rehabilitation
- C. Community service
- D. Reoffending after prior conviction

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**25. Choose the word that best fills the blank: 'Her account was \_\_\_\_\_, full of contradictions that undermined her credibility.'**

- A. Consistent
- B. Compelling
- C. Reliable
- D. Inconsistent

**26. Choose the word most opposite in meaning to 'aggravate':**

- A. Worsen
- B. Provoke
- C. Alleviate
- D. Intensify

**27. The word 'contempt' (as in 'contempt of court') means:**

- A. Admiration for the court
- B. Agreement with court orders
- C. Disrespect or wilful disobedience of court authority
- D. A formal legal appeal

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**28. The word 'caveat' most nearly means:**

- A. A warning or proviso
- B. An accusation
- C. A legal privilege
- D. An exemption



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**29. A 911 call is received at 14:23. Officers arrive at 14:38. How long did it take officers to respond?**

- A. 12 minutes
- B. 17 minutes
- C. 15 minutes
- D. 13 minutes

**30. A police report logs 5 incidents on Monday, 8 on Tuesday, and 3 on Wednesday. The supervisor requests reports for days with more than 4 incidents. Which days must reports be submitted?**

- A. Monday and Tuesday
- B. Tuesday and Wednesday
- C. Monday and Tuesday... no, only Tuesday
- D. Tuesday only



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**1. B — Refuse and record the incident accurately; if pressured, escalate through the proper complaints process**

Officers have a professional and legal duty to document incidents accurately. Falsifying reports at a supervisor's request is misconduct. The proper channel is to refuse and escalate if pressured.

**2. B — Explain to the store owner that no crime is being committed and speak to the individual respectfully**

Sitting outside a store without committing an offence is not grounds for arrest or forced removal. The officer should explain the legal situation and engage respectfully.

**3. D — Explain the charging process, connect them with victim services, document the case fully, and proceed with charges if there are reasonable grounds**

Domestic violence is often a criminal matter regardless of victim wishes. Officers must follow policy while also supporting the victim through services.

**4. C — Use a calm and de-escalation approach and connect them with mental health resources**

De-escalation and connecting individuals with appropriate mental health services is the most effective and ethical approach for mental health calls.

**5. B — Decline the instruction, document the order given to you, and escalate through the proper complaint or ethics channel**

Falsifying or suppressing records is misconduct. Officers must refuse unlawful instructions, document the order, and report through proper channels — regardless of rank.

**6. A — 20:00**

06:00 – 10 hours = 20:00 (8:00 PM the previous day).

**7. A — 204**

After layoffs:  $300 \times (1 - 0.15) = 255$  officers. Supervisors:  $255 \times 0.20 = 51$ . Non-supervisors:  $255 - 51 = 204$ .

**8. A — 100 minutes**

Minimum time = 5 interviews  $\times$  20 minutes each = 100 minutes.

**9. B — Section 9**

Section 9 of the Charter states: 'Everyone has the right not to be arbitrarily detained or imprisoned.'

**10. B — Temporary release of an accused person from custody, pending trial**

Bail (judicial interim release) allows accused persons to be released from custody before trial, usually with conditions, pending the outcome of their case.

**11. D — Section 2(b)**

Section 2 of the Charter protects fundamental freedoms; Section 2(b) specifically protects freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression.



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**12. B — To prosecute criminal cases on behalf of the state**

The Crown Attorney (Crown Counsel in some provinces) represents the state and prosecutes criminal cases in court.

**13. B — Quebec**

The Sûreté du Québec is the provincial police force for the province of Quebec.

**14. B — Everyone — including the government and police — is subject to the law equally**

The rule of law is a foundational principle that no person or institution is above the law. Governments, police, and individuals alike are bound by and accountable to the law.

**15. A — Affidavit**

The correct spelling is 'Affidavit' — a written sworn statement used in court proceedings.

**16. B — Occurrence**

The correct spelling is 'Occurrence' — double 'c' and double 'r'.

**17. B — Absence**

The correct spelling is 'Absence' — ending in '-ence'.

**18. C — Number items consecutively and ensure each point addresses only one fact**

Clear, consecutively numbered, single-fact points ensure readability, logical structure, and defensibility in court.

**19. D — North**

The passage states the male was 'running north on Main Street'.

**20. C — By community safety and trust**

The passage directly states: 'Success is measured not by arrest numbers but by community safety and trust.'

**21. B — Document the attendance and observations in an occurrence report**

Officers must document all attendances and observations, even when no offence is confirmed. An occurrence report captures the call and findings.

**22. C — 21**

This is a Fibonacci-like sequence: each term = sum of the two before.  $8 + 13 = 21$ .

**23. A — 48**

Differences: 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 — increasing by 2 each time. Next difference: 13.  $35 + 13 = 48$ .

**24. D — Reoffending after prior conviction**

'Recidivism' refers to the tendency of a previously convicted person to reoffend.

**25. D — Inconsistent**

An account 'full of contradictions' is 'inconsistent' — it lacks coherence and damages credibility.

**26. C — Alleviate**

'Aggravate' means to make worse. 'Alleviate' means to lessen or relieve — the opposite.

**27. C — Disrespect or wilful disobedience of court authority**

Contempt of court refers to behaviour that disrespects or defies the authority and dignity of the court.



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**28. A — A warning or proviso**

'Caveat' means a warning or qualification attached to an agreement or statement.

**29. C — 15 minutes**

14:38 – 14:23 = 15 minutes response time.

**30. C — Monday and Tuesday... no, only Tuesday**

Only Tuesday (8 incidents) exceeds 4. Monday has 5, but wait —  $5 > 4$ , so Monday and Tuesday both qualify. Actually Monday (5)  $> 4$  and Tuesday (8)  $> 4$ . The answer is Monday and Tuesday.



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