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1. What does the word PRUDENT mean?

- A. Reckless and impulsive
- B. Dishonest
- C. Overly cautious to the point of inaction
- D. Acting with careful good judgment and foresight

2. Choose the word most similar in meaning to CLANDESTINE.

- A. Secret
- B. Open
- C. Visible
- D. Publicised

3. Choose the word most opposite in meaning to PROMPT.

- A. Quick
- B. Immediate
- C. Early
- D. Delayed

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4. Choose the word most opposite in meaning to CONCEAL.

- A. Reveal
- B. Hide
- C. Protect
- D. Suppress



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5. You stop a vehicle and ask the driver for their driving licence. The driver says they left it at home. What should you do?

- A. Note the driver's details, check the vehicle records via the control room, advise the driver of the offence of failing to produce documents, and issue the appropriate notice or warning
- B. Immediately arrest the driver for not having a licence
- C. Accept their word and allow them to continue
- D. Impound the vehicle until a licence can be produced

6. During an interview, a juvenile suspect starts crying and says they want their parent. You are about to question them about a serious offence. What is the most appropriate action?

- A. Continue questioning immediately as the offence is serious
- B. Pause questioning and ensure a parent, guardian or appropriate adult is present before continuing
- C. Call the juvenile's school instead of a parent
- D. Leave the juvenile alone to calm down and resume questioning later without an adult present

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7. At an arrest, the suspect asks for the officer's name and number. What should the officer do?

- A. Decline to give the information as it is confidential
- B. Give a false name to protect personal safety
- C. Only provide information if the suspect's lawyer is present
- D. Provide their name and number or show their warrant card as required by law

8. You are attending a scene where two gangs appear to be gathering for a confrontation. Violence has not yet broken out. What is the best tactical response?

- A. Wait until violence starts before intervening
- B. Arrest the gang leaders immediately
- C. Call for immediate backup, position officers to separate the groups, identify and engage leaders to de-escalate, and prevent a breach of the peace
- D. Order everyone to leave the area immediately using maximum force



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9. You are on duty and witness a road traffic accident. You are off-duty at the time but are in uniform returning from a school liaison event. What should you do?

- A. Continue home as you are technically off-duty
- B. Wait for on-duty officers to arrive before taking any action
- C. Call the police and wait
- D. Take initial action to assist casualties, secure the scene and notify the operations room, as a police officer is always on duty when in uniform

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10. You arrive at a road traffic accident. One driver is seriously injured. What is the FIRST priority?

- A. Interview witnesses and record their details
- B. Call for an ambulance and provide first aid if trained
- C. Take photographs of the scene
- D. Conduct a breathalyser test on both drivers

11. The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) was established in Hong Kong in which year?

- A. 1974
- B. 1967
- C. 1980
- D. 1997

12. How many police regions does the Hong Kong Police Force divide Hong Kong into for operational purposes?

- A. Two (Hong Kong Island and Kowloon)
- B. Four (HK Island, Kowloon, NT, Marine)
- C. Three (Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories)
- D. Five regions

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13. Choose the correct form: 'Each of the officers ___ required to submit a daily report.'

- A. is
- B. are
- C. were
- D. have been

14. What does the legal term 'IN LOCO PARENTIS' mean?

- A. In the place of a parent; taking on parental responsibilities
- B. In the location of the parent
- C. In the local area of the parents
- D. An emergency order for children

15. Select the correct form: 'The report _____ to the Commissioner before the press conference.'

- A. was submitted
- B. were submitted
- C. has submitted
- D. submitting

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16. Choose the word most similar in meaning to IMPARTIAL.

- A. Unbiased
- B. Prejudiced
- C. Selective
- D. Subjective

17. Choose the correct sentence.

- A. Between you and I, the evidence is strong.
- B. Between you and me, the evidence is strong.
- C. Between you and myself, the evidence is strong.
- D. Between I and you, the evidence is strong.



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18. Select the word that means 'the release of a prisoner before the end of their sentence, subject to conditions'.

- A. Acquittal
- B. Bail
- C. Parole
- D. Remand

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19. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- A. The police has arrived at the scene.
- B. The police have arrived at the scene.
- C. The police has been arrive at the scene.
- D. The police were arrive at the scene.

20. Five officers — P, Q, R, S, T — are standing in a line. P is not at either end. Q is immediately to the right of P. R is at the left end. S is not next to R. What is the order from left to right?

- A. R, T, P, Q, S
- B. R, S, P, Q, T
- C. T, R, P, Q, S
- D. R, P, Q, T, S

21. Complete the analogy: Law is to Justice as Medicine is to ___?

- A. Health
- B. Hospitals
- C. Doctors
- D. Science

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22. In the first quarter, crime rose by 10%. In the second quarter, it fell by 10% from the first quarter level. Compared with the start of the first quarter, crime is now:

- A. The same level
- B. 1% higher
- C. 1% lower
- D. 10% lower

23. An officer works 5 days a week, 8 hours a day. How many hours does the officer work in 4 weeks?

- A. 152
- B. 160
- C. 140
- D. 180

24. A suspect was seen at 400 metres from the crime scene and is running at 8 km/h away from it. How long (in minutes) will it take for the suspect to be 1.2 km from the crime scene?

- A. 6 minutes
- B. 7 minutes
- C. 8 minutes
- D. 6 minutes

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25. Under the NSL, what is the minimum term of imprisonment for a person convicted of the less serious form of a terrorist offence?

- A. 3 years
- B. 5 years
- C. 7 years
- D. 10 years

26. Under the Basic Law, religious organisations in Hong Kong enjoy which rights?

- A. The right to participate in government policy-making
- B. The right to full government funding for religious activities
- C. The right to maintain and develop religious activities and engage in religious education
- D. The right to establish their own courts



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27. Article 4 of the Basic Law states that the HKSAR shall safeguard which rights?

- A. The rights of foreign investors in Hong Kong only
- B. The rights and freedoms of residents of the HKSAR in accordance with law
- C. The right of Mainland citizens to work in Hong Kong
- D. The right of Hong Kong residents to participate in national government

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28. Under the Basic Law, the HKSAR may establish official relations or conclude and implement agreements with foreign states and relevant international organisations in which fields?

- A. Economic, trade, financial, monetary, shipping, communications, tourism, cultural and sports fields
- B. Defence and foreign affairs only
- C. Immigration and border control only
- D. Healthcare and education only

29. Under the Basic Law, who is responsible for stationing military forces in Hong Kong for defence?

- A. The HKSAR government
- B. The Central People's Government (through the PLA garrison)
- C. The HKPF in conjunction with the HKSAR government
- D. A joint HKSAR-PRC defence committee

30. Article 23 of the Basic Law requires the HKSAR to enact laws on its own to prohibit which of the following?

- A. Treason, sedition, subversion and theft of state secrets
- B. Tax evasion, money laundering and drug trafficking
- C. Unauthorised assembly, riot and loitering
- D. Defamation, libel and slander against public officials



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1. D — Acting with careful good judgment and foresight

'Prudent' means acting with or showing care and thought for the future; exercising good judgment. It describes considered, sensible decision-making.

2. A — Secret

'Clandestine' means kept secret or done secretly, especially because it is illicit. Its closest synonym is 'secret'.

3. D — Delayed

'Prompt' means done without delay; immediate. Its antonym is 'delayed', meaning not on time or late.

4. A — Reveal

'Conceal' means to hide or keep secret. Its antonym is 'reveal', which means to make known or show openly.

5. A — Note the driver's details, check the vehicle records via the control room, advise the driver of the offence of failing to produce documents, and issue the appropriate notice or warning

Failing to produce a driving licence when required is an offence. Officers should record the driver's details, verify via the control room if possible, advise the driver, and use the appropriate process (such as a HORT/1-style notice requiring production within a set period).

6. B — Pause questioning and ensure a parent, guardian or appropriate adult is present before continuing

Juveniles must be afforded special protections during police interviews. Under Hong Kong guidelines, questioning of a juvenile must be conducted in the presence of a parent, guardian or appropriate adult to protect the juvenile's rights.

7. D — Provide their name and number or show their warrant card as required by law

Under the Police Force Ordinance and relevant guidelines, an officer must provide their name and number or produce their warrant card upon request during the exercise of police powers.

8. C — Call for immediate backup, position officers to separate the groups, identify and engage leaders to de-escalate, and prevent a breach of the peace

The priority is prevention. Officers should call for backup to outnumber aggressors, position themselves between the groups to prevent conflict, engage calmly with individuals to de-escalate, and use minimum necessary force. Arrests without evidence or cause are unlawful.

9. D — Take initial action to assist casualties, secure the scene and notify the operations room, as a police officer is always on duty when in uniform

A police officer in uniform is considered to be on duty and has a duty to act. Taking initial action to preserve life and secure the scene is the appropriate response, followed by notifying the control room.



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10. B — Call for an ambulance and provide first aid if trained

The preservation of life is always the first priority at any incident. Summoning medical assistance and providing first aid takes precedence over evidence collection or enforcement action.

11. A — 1974

The ICAC was established in February 1974 following the MacLehose administration's commitment to tackling widespread corruption in Hong Kong.

12. C — Three (Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories)

The HKPF divides Hong Kong into three police regions: Hong Kong Island Region, Kowloon Region, and New Territories Region, plus the Marine Region and Airport.

13. A — is

'Each' is a singular pronoun and takes a singular verb. The correct form is 'is required'.

14. A — In the place of a parent; taking on parental responsibilities

'In loco parentis' is a Latin term meaning 'in the place of a parent'. It refers to a person or institution that has taken on parental responsibilities for a child in the absence or incapacity of the natural parents.

15. C — has submitted

'The report' is singular and the action happened before the press conference (past). The correct passive form is 'was submitted'.

16. A — Unbiased

'Impartial' means treating all parties fairly and not showing bias. Its closest synonym is 'unbiased'.

17. B — Between you and me, the evidence is strong.

After the preposition 'between', the objective case must be used: 'me', not 'I'. The correct form is 'between you and me'.

18. C — Parole

'Parole' is the release of a prisoner before the end of their sentence, on the condition that they behave well. 'Bail' is pre-trial release. 'Acquittal' is a finding of not guilty. 'Remand' is detention before trial.

19. B — The police have arrived at the scene.

'Police' is a collective noun used as a plural noun in British English (as used in Hong Kong). 'The police have arrived' is grammatically correct.

20. A — R, T, P, Q, S

R is at position 1 (left end). P cannot be at either end, so P is in positions 2, 3, or 4. Q is immediately right of P, so P cannot be in position 5. S is not next to R (position 1), so S cannot be in position 2. If P=3, Q=4. Positions: R, _, P, Q, _. Position 2 must be T (since S≠position 2). Position 5 = S. Order: R, T, P, Q, S.

21. A — Health

Law is the system through which justice is sought; medicine is the discipline through which health is sought. The relationship is: Law → Justice :: Medicine → Health.

22. C — 1% lower

Start = 100. After 10% rise: 110. After 10% fall from 110: $110 \times 0.9 = 99$. Crime is now 1% lower than the original level.



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23. B — 160

5 days × 8 hours = 40 hours per week. 40 × 4 weeks = 160 hours.

24. D — 6 minutes

Distance to cover = 1,200 – 400 = 800 metres = 0.8 km. Time = $0.8 \div 8 = 0.1$ hours = 6 minutes.

25. B — 5 years

NSL Article 24 provides that for terrorist activities, a person who is an active participant shall be sentenced to imprisonment of not less than 3 years but not more than 10 years.

26. C — The right to maintain and develop religious activities and engage in religious education

Article 141 of the Basic Law provides that the HKSAR shall not restrict the freedom of religious belief, interfere in the internal affairs of religious organisations or restrict religious activities which do not contravene the laws of the Region, including maintaining and developing their activities and engaging in religious education.

27. B — The rights and freedoms of residents of the HKSAR in accordance with law

Article 4 of the Basic Law provides that the HKSAR shall safeguard the rights and freedoms of the residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and of other persons in the Region in accordance with law.

28. A — Economic, trade, financial, monetary, shipping, communications, tourism, cultural and sports fields

Article 151 of the Basic Law specifies that the HKSAR may on its own, using 'Hong Kong, China' as its name, maintain and develop relations and conclude and implement agreements with foreign states and organisations in the economic, trade, financial, monetary, shipping, communications, tourism, cultural and sports fields.

29. B — The Central People's Government (through the PLA garrison)

Article 14 of the Basic Law provides that the Central People's Government shall be responsible for the defence of the HKSAR. The garrison of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) stationed in Hong Kong is responsible for defence.

30. A — Treason, sedition, subversion and theft of state secrets

Article 23 mandates the HKSAR to enact laws on its own to prohibit any act of treason, secession, sedition, subversion against the Central People's Government, or theft of state secrets.



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