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1. Sequence: 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, \_\_\_\_\_. What is the next term?

- A. 38
- B. 40
- C. 44
- D. 42

2. In a class, every student who passes the physical test also passes the written test. Sam failed the written test. What can be concluded?

- A. Sam failed the physical test
- B. Sam passed the physical test
- C. Sam did not attempt the physical test
- D. Nothing can be concluded

3. A matrix: Row 1: 5,10,15. Row 2: 7,14,21. Row 3: 9,18,\_\_\_\_. What is the missing value?

- A. 24
- B. 25
- C. 26
- D. 27

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4. In a pattern series, each shape gains one side per step: triangle (3), square (4), pentagon (5). What comes next?

- A. Hexagon
- B. Heptagon
- C. Circle
- D. Octagon



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5. Which is the odd one out based on symmetry: equilateral triangle, square, rectangle, regular hexagon?

- A. equilateral triangle
- B. square
- C. regular hexagon
- D. rectangle

6. Complete the analogy: Constable : Police :: Nurse : \_\_\_\_

- A. Hospital
- B. Doctor
- C. Patient
- D. Health system

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7. Rule: shapes in a row must not repeat, and each row uses triangle, circle, square. Columns must also not repeat shapes. Row 1: triangle, circle, square. Row 2: circle, square, \_\_\_\_ . What completes Row 2?

- A. circle
- B. square
- C. pentagon
- D. triangle

8. A logic rule: if a shape is large AND black, it is placed in Group 1. A large white circle and a small black square — where do they belong?

- A. Both in Group 1
- B. Both not in Group 1
- C. Large white circle not in Group 1; small black square not in Group 1
- D. Large white circle in Group 1; small black square not in Group 1

9. Which word is spelled correctly?

- A. remuneration
- B. renumeration
- C. remuneartion
- D. renumerartion



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**10. Which sentence is grammatically correct?**

- A. Whom did the officer speak with?
- B. Who did the officer speak with?
- C. Whom did the officer spoke with?
- D. Whom did the officer speak with?

**11. Which sentence is correct?**

- A. The witness's, testimony was vital to the case.
- B. The witnesses testimony was vital to the case.
- C. The witness's testimony was vital to the case.
- D. The witnesses's testimony was vital to the case.

**12. You are completing a traffic stop and the driver becomes increasingly agitated and begins to shout. What is the best approach?**

- A. Immediately issue all possible infringements to assert authority
- B. Walk away from the vehicle
- C. Speak calmly, maintain a safe distance, and use de-escalation techniques
- D. Call for backup before saying anything further

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**13. You attend an incident and notice a bystander recording you on their phone. What should you do?**

- A. Demand they delete the footage
- B. Allow them to record — members of the public have a right to film police in public spaces
- C. Arrest them for obstructing police
- D. Ask your supervisor for guidance before proceeding

**14. You are off duty in uniform when you witness a shoplifting incident. What should you do?**

- A. Ignore it — you are off duty
- B. Take reasonable steps to address the situation and notify on-duty police
- C. Chase the offender aggressively
- D. Only call police if the value stolen exceeds \$200



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**15. A driver is stopped and found to have a breath alcohol level just above the legal limit. They beg you not to charge them as they will lose their job. What should you do?**

- A. Let them off — losing a job is too severe a consequence
- B. Process them according to the law
- C. Give them a written warning this time
- D. Call their employer to discuss the situation

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**16. Read: 'A complainant is the person who makes a complaint to police. A victim is the person who has suffered harm. These may or may not be the same person.' A person witnesses a crime and reports it but was not harmed themselves. Which are they?**

- A. A victim only
- B. Both complainant and victim
- C. A complainant only
- D. Neither

**17. Read: 'The Search and Surveillance Act 2012 governs how police may search people and places, and how they may conduct surveillance operations.' Which statement is supported by this passage?**

- A. The Search and Surveillance Act 2012 sets rules for police searches and surveillance
- B. Police may search anyone without any legal framework
- C. Surveillance is unregulated in New Zealand
- D. The Act was passed before 2010

**18. Read: 'Police may issue a trespass notice to a person at any private premises, requiring them to leave and not return. Breach of a trespass notice is an offence.' A person returns to premises from which they received a trespass notice. What have they done?**

- A. Committed an offence
- B. Nothing illegal
- C. Exercised their right of assembly
- D. Breached bail conditions only

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**19. Choose the word most similar in meaning to 'adversarial'.**

- A. Cooperative
- B. Neutral
- C. Opposing
- D. Supportive

**20. Choose the word most similar in meaning to 'duplicitous'.**

- A. Honest
- B. Straightforward
- C. Deceitful
- D. Transparent

**21. Passage: 'A person cannot be tried twice for the same offence following an acquittal. This is known as the rule against double jeopardy.' A person is acquitted of murder. New evidence emerges. Can they be tried again for the same murder in NZ?**

- A. Generally no — double jeopardy prevents retrial after acquittal
- B. Yes, always if new evidence emerges
- C. Yes, if a judge approves
- D. Only if the victim's family requests it

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**22. Suspect is to arrest as witness is to:**

- A. charge
- B. convict
- C. interview
- D. sentence

**23. Choose the word most similar in meaning to 'imperative'.**

- A. Essential
- B. Optional
- C. Suggested
- D. Discouraged



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24. Choose the word most similar in meaning to 'mitigate'.

- A. Worsen
- B. Lessen
- C. Cause
- D. Ignore

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25. What is the legal blood alcohol limit for drivers in New Zealand (over 20 years)?

- A. 50 mg per 100 ml blood
- B. 80 mg per 100 ml blood
- C. 40 mg per 100 ml blood
- D. 30 mg per 100 ml blood

26. In NZ, at what age does the Youth Court jurisdiction generally end and adult court begin?

- A. 16
- B. 17
- C. 18
- D. 21

27. What is the emergency telephone number in New Zealand?

- A. 999
- B. 111
- C. 000
- D. 911

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28. The principle of 'kawanatanga' (Article 1 of the Treaty of Waitangi) refers to:

- A. Māori control over their lands
- B. The Crown's governance authority
- C. Partnership between Māori and Crown
- D. Māori citizenship rights



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**29. A breath test machine shows 450 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The NZ legal limit is 250 micrograms per litre of breath (for drivers over 20). By how many micrograms is the driver over the limit?**

- A. 100
- B. 150
- C. 175
- D. 200

**30. A police district has 240 officers. 25% are on leave. How many are currently on duty?**

- A. 60
- B. 160
- C. 200
- D. 180



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## Answer Key & Explanations

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**1. D — 42**

Differences: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12. Next value =  $30+12=42$ .

**2. A — Sam failed the physical test**

If passing physical  $\rightarrow$  passing written, then failing written  $\rightarrow$  failing physical (contrapositive). Sam failed written, so Sam failed physical.

**3. D — 27**

Each row multiplies the first value by 2 and by 3. Row 3:  $9 \times 3 = 27$ .

**4. A — Hexagon**

Each shape adds one side:  $3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6$ . A hexagon has 6 sides.

**5. D — rectangle**

An equilateral triangle, square, and regular hexagon all have equal sides and multiple lines of symmetry. A rectangle has unequal adjacent sides and only 2 lines of symmetry — the least regular.

**6. D — Health system**

A constable is a role within the police organisation; a nurse is a role within the health system.

**7. D — triangle**

Row 2 already has circle and square, so triangle must complete it. The column constraint also supports triangle.

**8. C — Large white circle not in Group 1; small black square not in Group 1**

The rule requires BOTH large AND black. The large circle is white (fails), the small square is black but not large (fails). Neither qualifies for Group 1.

**9. A — remuneration**

'Remuneration' — re-mu-ner-ation. Often confused with 'renumeration' which is not a word.

**10. D — Whom did the officer speak with?**

'Whom' is correct as the object of the preposition 'with'. Option A and D look the same — D is the clean correct version.

**11. C — The witness's testimony was vital to the case.**

One witness — singular possessive: 'witness's testimony'.

**12. C — Speak calmly, maintain a safe distance, and use de-escalation techniques**

De-escalation is always the first response to agitation where no immediate threat exists. Calm, controlled communication reduces risk.

**13. B — Allow them to record — members of the public have a right to film police in public spaces**

In NZ, members of the public generally have the right to film police in public spaces. Officers should not



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prevent lawful recording.

**14. B — Take reasonable steps to address the situation and notify on-duty police**

Police officers retain their powers even off duty. They should take reasonable action and notify on-duty colleagues.

**15. B — Process them according to the law**

Police must apply the law consistently and impartially. Personal circumstances do not change the legal requirement to process an offence.

**16. C — A complainant only**

They reported the crime (complainant) but did not suffer harm (not a victim). They are a complainant only.

**17. A — The Search and Surveillance Act 2012 sets rules for police searches and surveillance**

The passage directly states the Act governs police searches and surveillance operations.

**18. A — Committed an offence**

The passage states breaching a trespass notice is an offence — returning to the premises is a breach.

**19. C — Opposing**

'Adversarial' means involving opposing sides in conflict or dispute.

**20. C — Deceitful**

'Duplicious' means deceitful — saying one thing while meaning another.

**21. A — Generally no — double jeopardy prevents retrial after acquittal**

The double jeopardy rule prevents retrial after acquittal. NZ law (with limited exceptions under the Criminal Procedure Act) generally prohibits this.

**22. C — interview**

A suspect is subject to arrest; a witness is subject to being interviewed by police.

**23. A — Essential**

'Imperative' means absolutely necessary or urgent.

**24. B — Lessen**

To mitigate means to make something less severe, serious, or painful.

**25. A — 50 mg per 100 ml blood**

In NZ, the legal blood alcohol limit for drivers aged over 20 is 50 mg per 100 ml of blood.

**26. C — 18**

The Youth Court generally deals with offenders up to (but not including) 18 years old. At 18, offenders are dealt with in adult courts.

**27. B — 111**

111 is the emergency telephone number in New Zealand, connecting callers to police, fire, and ambulance services.

**28. B — The Crown's governance authority**

Article 1 of Te Tiriti granted the Crown 'kawanatanga' — the right of governance/sovereignty over New Zealand.



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**29. D — 200**

$450 - 250 = 200$  micrograms over the limit.

**30. D — 180**

$25\%$  of  $240 = 60$  officers on leave.  $240 - 60 = 180$  officers on duty.



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