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1. What is the primary role of a licensed security guard at a site?

- A. To arrest and prosecute offenders
- B. To observe, deter, and report incidents
- C. To replace the police on the premises
- D. To carry firearms at all times

2. Under what circumstances may a private security guard use force?

- A. Whenever someone is rude
- B. Only reasonable force in self-defence or defence of others
- C. To punish a trespasser
- D. Whenever a supervisor is absent

3. Good observation skills for a guard depend mainly on:

- A. Guessing what will happen
- B. Using all senses and staying alert to detail
- C. Watching one spot only
- D. Relying on others to report

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4. The three elements needed for a fire (the 'fire triangle') are:

- A. Heat, fuel, and oxygen
- B. Smoke, water, and wind
- C. Light, sound, and heat
- D. Fuel, water, and ash



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5. The first priority when approaching any first-aid situation is to:

- A. Move the casualty immediately
- B. Check that the scene is safe
- C. Give water
- D. Take a photo

6. A security guard is often the first person a visitor meets, so they should be:

- A. Aloof and silent
- B. Courteous, helpful, and professional
- C. Intimidating to everyone
- D. Only focused on phones

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7. Which of the following is a potential indicator of suspicious behaviour?

- A. Walking directly to a known destination
- B. Loitering near an entrance and repeatedly checking exits
- C. Showing a valid pass
- D. Asking for directions once

8. In Dubai, the authority that regulates and licenses the private security industry is:

- A. The Roads and Transport Authority
- B. SIRA (Security Industry Regulatory Agency)
- C. The Dubai Municipality
- D. The Civil Defence only

9. A key benefit of varying patrol routes and timings is that it:

- A. Confuses the guard
- B. Makes the guard's movements unpredictable to potential offenders
- C. Saves the company money
- D. Reduces the need to report

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10. The main purpose of access control is to:

- A. Slow everyone down
- B. Ensure only authorised people and vehicles enter
- C. Collect phone numbers
- D. Sell tickets

11. The phonetic word for the letter 'B' is

- A. Busy
- B. Bravo
- C. Best
- D. Buzzer

12. Which word best describes the legal authority of a private security guard compared to a police officer?

- A. Greater
- B. Equal
- C. Limited
- D. Unlimited

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13. A 'citizen's arrest' style detention by a guard must be:

- A. Held indefinitely
- B. Handed over to police as soon as possible
- C. Used to question the suspect privately
- D. Used to recover property by force

14. A well-written incident report should answer which key questions?

- A. Only who and what
- B. Who, what, when, where, why, and how
- C. Just the time
- D. Only the guard's opinion

15. On discovering a fire, a guard's first priority is to:

- A. Save equipment
- B. Raise the alarm and ensure people's safety
- C. Find the cause
- D. Take photos



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16. The recommended first action for an unconscious but breathing adult is to:

- A. Sit them upright
- B. Place them in the recovery position and monitor
- C. Give them food
- D. Shake them hard

17. When dealing with an angry member of the public, the best approach is to:

- A. Shout back louder
- B. Stay calm, listen, and try to de-escalate
- C. Walk away without a word
- D. Threaten them

18. An unattended bag left in a busy public area should be treated as:

- A. Lost property to open and search
- B. A potential threat to be reported and the area assessed
- C. Rubbish to dispose of
- D. None of the guard's concern

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19. A private security guard working in Dubai is generally required to:

- A. Work without any licence
- B. Hold a valid SIRA licence/permit
- C. Be a police officer
- D. Own the property

20. During a patrol, the guard should check that doors and windows are:

- A. Always open
- B. Secured as required and report anything found unsecured
- C. Painted
- D. Decorated



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21. When checking an ID pass at an entrance, the guard should verify:

- A. Only that a pass exists
- B. That it is valid, current, and matches the person presenting it
- C. The colour only
- D. Nothing

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22. If you found illegal items while searching, what would you do?

- A. It's perfectly normal. Nothing to do.
- B. Allow the individual to take the item with him and leave.
- C. Take the item and keep it with you while you contact your supervisor

23. A guard arrives for a shift and finds the previous guard absent. What should the guard do first?

- A. Leave because no handover was given
- B. Begin the shift and report the gap to the supervisor
- C. Lock the site and go home
- D. Ignore it and start patrolling without logging in

24. Can a security guard legally search a member of the public against their will?

- A. Yes, anytime
- B. No — searches are generally by consent or by police
- C. Yes, if they look suspicious
- D. Yes, if the guard wears a uniform

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25. Notes in a guard's notebook should be:

- A. Written later from memory
- B. Made promptly, accurately, and factually at the time
- C. Filled with personal opinions
- D. Erased after the shift



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26. Which fire extinguisher type is generally suitable for electrical fires?

- A. Water
- B. CO2 (carbon dioxide)
- C. Foam
- D. Wet chemical

27. What does the 'DRABC' / 'DR ABC' primary survey stand for?

- A. Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, Circulation
- B. Drink, Rest, Air, Bed, Calm
- C. Doctor, Report, Ambulance, Blood, Care
- D. Danger, Rescue, Alarm, Burns, CPR

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28. Good customer service by a guard can:

- A. Replace security duties
- B. Improve the organisation's image and gain public cooperation
- C. Be ignored as unimportant
- D. Only matter in hotels

29. 'Hostile reconnaissance' means:

- A. Friendly visitors taking photos for fun
- B. Offenders observing a site to plan an attack or crime
- C. A guard's routine patrol
- D. A fire drill

30. Photographing people in the UAE without their consent and sharing it can:

- A. Always be done freely
- B. Breach privacy laws and lead to penalties
- C. Only matter for tourists
- D. Be encouraged by guards



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Answer Key & Explanations

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1. B — To observe, deter, and report incidents

A security guard's core role is to observe, deter, and report. Guards protect people and property mainly through visible presence and accurate reporting, not by acting as police.

2. B — Only reasonable force in self-defence or defence of others

Force must be a last resort, reasonable, and proportionate — typically only to defend themselves or others. Punitive or excessive force is unlawful.

3. B — Using all senses and staying alert to detail

Effective observation uses all the senses and constant alertness to changes and detail, allowing the guard to notice problems early.

4. A — Heat, fuel, and oxygen

Fire needs heat, fuel, and oxygen. Removing any one of these three elements will extinguish or prevent a fire.

5. B — Check that the scene is safe

Scene safety comes first. A responder who becomes a second casualty cannot help anyone, so dangers must be checked before approaching.

6. B — Courteous, helpful, and professional

As the first point of contact, a guard represents the organisation; courteous, helpful, professional conduct creates a good impression and aids cooperation.

7. B — Loitering near an entrance and repeatedly checking exits

Loitering while repeatedly scanning exits and avoiding staff can indicate hostile reconnaissance or intent. Routine, purposeful behaviour is not, by itself, suspicious.

8. B — SIRA (Security Industry Regulatory Agency)

SIRA, the Security Industry Regulatory Agency, regulates and licenses private security businesses and guards in the Emirate of Dubai.

9. B — Makes the guard's movements unpredictable to potential offenders

Predictable patrols can be exploited by offenders who time their actions to gaps. Varying routes and timings keeps the guard's coverage unpredictable.

10. B — Ensure only authorised people and vehicles enter

Access control exists to ensure that only authorised people and vehicles gain entry, protecting the site from unauthorised access and threats.

11. B — Bravo

12. C — Limited

A private security guard has limited authority. They generally have no more legal power than an ordinary



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member of the public, plus whatever the property owner authorises on site.

13. B — Handed over to police as soon as possible

Any lawful detention must be minimal and the person handed to the police promptly. Guards must not interrogate or hold people beyond what is necessary.

14. B — Who, what, when, where, why, and how

A complete report covers the 'five Ws and H' — who, what, when, where, why, and how — so the reader has the full, factual picture.

15. B — Raise the alarm and ensure people's safety

Life safety comes first: raise the alarm, alert occupants, and evacuate as needed before attempting anything else.

16. B — Place them in the recovery position and monitor

An unconscious, breathing casualty is placed in the recovery position to keep the airway open and prevent choking, then monitored until help arrives.

17. B — Stay calm, listen, and try to de-escalate

Staying calm, listening, and using de-escalation reduces tension and is far more effective and safer than matching the person's anger.

18. B — A potential threat to be reported and the area assessed

An unattended item could be a security threat. The guard should not open it, but report it, keep people back, and follow the site's procedure (e.g. HOT/4Cs).

19. B — Hold a valid SIRA licence/permit

Working as a security guard in Dubai generally requires the appropriate SIRA licence/permit, confirming the guard is trained and approved to work.

20. B — Secured as required and report anything found unsecured

Confirming that doors and windows are secured as required — and reporting anything wrong — is a core patrol task that prevents unauthorised access.

21. B — That it is valid, current, and matches the person presenting it

A proper check confirms the pass is genuine, in date, and actually belongs to the person presenting it — not merely that some pass is shown.

22. C — Take the item and keep it with you while you contact your supervisor

23. B — Begin the shift and report the gap to the supervisor

The guard should start duty to keep the site covered and immediately report the missing handover/absence to the supervisor so the gap is documented and addressed.

24. B — No — searches are generally by consent or by police

Guards normally cannot force a search. Searches are usually conducted with the person's consent (often a condition of entry) or left to the police, who have legal search powers.

25. B — Made promptly, accurately, and factually at the time

Notes made promptly and factually at the time are far more reliable and credible than ones reconstructed later from memory.



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26. B — CO2 (carbon dioxide)

CO2 extinguishers are suitable for electrical fires because the gas does not conduct electricity and leaves no residue. Water must never be used on live electrical fires.

27. A — Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, Circulation

DRABC = Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, Circulation — the systematic order for assessing a casualty in the primary survey.

28. B — Improve the organisation's image and gain public cooperation

Helpful, professional service improves the organisation's reputation and encourages the public to cooperate with the guard, which itself improves security.

29. B — Offenders observing a site to plan an attack or crime

Hostile reconnaissance is when potential attackers study a site — its routines, defences, and weaknesses — to plan an attack. Spotting and reporting it can prevent incidents.

30. B — Breach privacy laws and lead to penalties

UAE law strongly protects personal privacy. Taking and sharing photos of people without consent can be a serious offence, which guards must respect.



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