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1. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to 'IMPARTIAL'.

- A. Unbiased
- B. Partial
- C. Authoritative
- D. Indifferent

2. Read the passage and answer the question. Passage: 'Restorative justice (RJ) is an approach that brings together victims, offenders, and community members to discuss the impact of a crime and agree how to repair harm. Unlike traditional criminal justice which focuses on punishment, RJ prioritises dialogue and repairing relationships. Studies in England and Wales suggest RJ reduces re-offending in certain contexts, though critics note it requires victims to engage voluntarily and some may find it re-traumatising.' Which criticism of restorative justice does the passage mention?

- A. It is more expensive than traditional prosecution.
- B. It does not hold offenders accountable for their actions.
- C. It requires victims to engage voluntarily and may re-traumatise some.
- D. It has no evidence base for reducing re-offending.

3. Which of the following best describes 'intelligence-led policing'?

- A. Policing that relies entirely on CCTV and technology.
- B. Policing driven solely by community requests.
- C. Policing where officers use instinct and experience to decide priorities.
- D. A policing model where decisions about resource deployment are guided by systematic analysis of information and intelligence.

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4. Which of the following best describes 'duty of candour' as it applies to police officers?

- A. The legal obligation to share all intelligence with partner agencies.
- B. The requirement to answer all questions honestly during court proceedings only.
- C. The obligation to be polite and open during community meetings.
- D. The professional duty to be honest and transparent when working within the justice system, including when errors are made.

5. Which organisation developed the Code of Ethics for policing in England and Wales?

- A. The College of Policing
- B. The Home Office
- C. The National Police Chiefs' Council
- D. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary

6. The Policing Vision 2025 published jointly by the NPCC and APCC identified several priorities for UK policing. Which of the following was identified as a key ambition?

- A. To make policing more efficient, effective, and legitimate through digital transformation, workforce development, and strengthening public confidence.
- B. To reduce the total number of police officers by 25% through technology.
- C. To transfer all emergency response to private contractors.
- D. To create a single national police force for England and Wales.

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7. In the CVF framework, which level of leadership is associated with 'inspirational leadership' behaviours such as creating a compelling vision and challenging systemic barriers?

- A. Level 1 (constable)
- B. Level 2 (sergeant)
- C. Level 4 and above (chief superintendent and above)
- D. Level 3 (inspector)

8. An officer working with a vulnerable teenager adjusts their communication style, speaks calmly, and checks that the teenager has understood the information given. This MOST demonstrates which CVF competency?

- A. Emotional awareness
- B. Taking ownership
- C. Analyse critically
- D. Working collaboratively



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9. Which scenario BEST demonstrates 'Analyse Critically' in a complex investigation?

- A. Identifying that two witness accounts contradict each other and seeking further evidence to resolve the discrepancy.
- B. Accepting the first explanation offered and closing the investigation.
- C. Following established procedures without questioning their suitability for this specific case.
- D. Delegating all evaluation of evidence to a senior colleague.

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10. An officer consistently treats suspects with the same respect regardless of their criminal history or background. This reflects which CVF value MOST directly?

- A. Transparency
- B. Impartiality
- C. Public service
- D. Integrity

11. An officer uses data and research to challenge a long-standing policy they believe is ineffective, presenting their evidence to their inspector. Which CVF competency does this MOST demonstrate?

- A. Emotional awareness
- B. Taking ownership
- C. Innovative and open-minded
- D. Working collaboratively

12. An officer who proactively seeks out training opportunities to improve their skills and knowledge, without being directed to do so, is demonstrating which CVF quality?

- A. Working collaboratively
- B. Innovative and open-minded
- C. Taking ownership
- D. Analyse critically

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13. What was one key reason the CVF was updated in 2023?

- A. To reduce the number of competencies from 10 to 6.
- B. To introduce physical fitness requirements as a CVF competency.
- C. To better reflect the importance of digital skills, wellbeing, and inclusion in contemporary policing.
- D. To remove the values component and focus solely on behaviours.

14. If all offences are investigated, and all investigations generate a report, and some reports lead to arrests, which of the following MUST be true?

- A. All offences lead to arrests.
- B. All offences generate a report.
- C. Some offences do not generate a report.
- D. Arrests always follow from reports.

15. Complete the analogy: Officer is to Station as Doctor is to ____

- A. Hospital
- B. Clinic
- C. Surgery
- D. Pharmacy

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16. An officer follows this decision rule: if the call is urgent AND involves injury, deploy immediately; if urgent but no injury, deploy within 30 minutes; if not urgent, schedule a visit. A call comes in rated urgent, with no injury reported. What action should be taken?

- A. Deploy within 30 minutes.
- B. Deploy immediately.
- C. Schedule a visit.
- D. No action required.

17. Identify the pattern: J2, L4, N6, P8, ____

- A. Q9
- B. R9
- C. Q10
- D. R10



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18. You are part of a team conducting a neighbourhood watch meeting. You have some ideas that differ from those put forward by the sergeant. What is the MOST appropriate way to raise them?

- A. Say nothing to avoid undermining the sergeant's authority.
- B. Discuss your ideas with other team members outside the meeting to build support first.
- C. Raise your ideas respectfully during the meeting, explaining your reasoning clearly.
- D. Wait until the meeting is over and then tell the sergeant privately that their ideas were wrong.

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19. You are asked to attend a community meeting in an area with which you are unfamiliar. Before attending, what is the BEST preparation?

- A. Research the community's demographics, recent local issues, and any relevant crime trends in the area.
- B. Attend without preparation as you can improvise based on what people say.
- C. Ask a colleague who has been there before to attend instead.
- D. Read the agenda but do no further background research.

20. A colleague tells you they are struggling with the emotional demands of their job and are considering leaving. What is the MOST appropriate response?

- A. Tell them that all officers struggle and they need to toughen up.
- B. Advise them immediately to leave policing as it is clearly not for them.
- C. Listen supportively, acknowledge their feelings, share information about available welfare support, and encourage them to access it.
- D. Report them to your supervisor as they may be unfit for duty.

21. You are asked by a senior officer to complete a task that you believe may be unlawful. What is the MOST appropriate action?

- A. Carry out the task without question as it comes from a senior officer.
- B. Politely raise your concern with the senior officer; if unresolved, escalate through appropriate channels.
- C. Refuse the task immediately and walk away.
- D. Complete the task but document your objection in a private diary.

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22. Under pressure during a busy shift, which approach to managing your workload best reflects police values?

- A. Focus exclusively on the tasks you find interesting.
- B. Ask a colleague to do everything while you manage your stress.
- C. Complain to the supervisor that you have too much work.
- D. Prioritise tasks by urgency and risk, communicate clearly about your capacity, and seek support if needed.

23. Which of the following correctly uses a hyphen?

- A. The well-known officer received a commendation.
- B. The officer was well known-for her work in the community.
- C. She was a well known officer who received a commendation.
- D. The officer, well-known, received-a commendation.

24. Which of the following is the most clearly and concisely written option for a police report?

- A. At 14:30 on 12 June, PC Ahmed attended 47 High Street following a report of a disturbance. On arrival, she spoke to the complainant, Mr Brown, who stated he had heard shouting from the flat above.
- B. So basically on that afternoon in June around the middle of the day, PC Ahmed who is a police constable went to the address on High Street because there was some kind of trouble reported there.
- C. PC Ahmed, at a time which was approximately half past two in the afternoon on the twelfth day of the sixth month, did attend at the premises known as 47 High Street.
- D. A disturbance was there, PC Ahmed went, Mr Brown spoke to her, it was June, 14:30, High Street 47.

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25. You attend a burglary where the victim insists she saw her neighbour commit the crime. You know the neighbour from previous positive community engagement. What is the MOST appropriate approach?

- A. Dismiss the victim's account as she may be mistaken about a well-regarded neighbour.
- B. Treat the victim's account professionally and objectively, investigate without prejudging anyone based on your prior impressions.
- C. Tell the neighbour informally what has been alleged before any investigation.
- D. Accept the victim's account as definitive and immediately arrest the neighbour.



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26. You are on duty when you observe a collision involving a cyclist and a car. The cyclist is injured. What is the MOST appropriate first step?

- A. Call for an ambulance, ensure the scene is safe, and provide first aid if trained and able to.
- B. Take witness details from bystanders before anything else.
- C. Breathalyse the driver of the car immediately.
- D. Move the cyclist off the road to prevent further collisions.

27. You are working the late shift and a colleague who is clearly exhausted falls asleep during a quiet period. What is the MOST appropriate action?

- A. Ignore it — everyone gets tired and it was only a few minutes.
- B. Wake your colleague, check they are alright, and if the problem is persistent, encourage them to raise it with their supervisor.
- C. Report the colleague immediately for misconduct.
- D. Cover for your colleague and do not mention it.

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28. A member of the public makes an informal complaint that you behaved rudely towards them last week. You believe you acted professionally. What is the MOST appropriate response?

- A. Dismiss the complaint as unfounded and take no action.
- B. Contact the member of the public directly to resolve it informally without telling your supervisor.
- C. Deny the complaint entirely in writing without reflecting on your behaviour.
- D. Reflect honestly on your behaviour, acknowledge the complaint formally, and handle it through the proper complaints process.

29. A custody record shows: suspect booked in at 08:15 and released at 17:45. Legal rest periods totalled 1 hour 30 minutes. How long was the suspect in active detention (excluding rest periods)?

- A. 8 hours 0 minutes
- B. 8 hours 30 minutes
- C. 9 hours 0 minutes
- D. 7 hours 30 minutes



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30. Crime data shows: in 2021 there were 3,600 reported thefts; in 2022 there were 3,060. In 2023, thefts increased by 20% compared to 2022. How many thefts were reported in 2023?

- A. 3,672
- B. 3,600
- C. 3,540
- D. 3,780



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Answer Key & Explanations

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1. A — Unbiased

'Impartial' means treating all parties equally and without favouritism, which is synonymous with 'unbiased'. 'Partial' is an antonym; 'authoritative' relates to power; 'indifferent' suggests a lack of concern rather than fairness.

2. C — It requires victims to engage voluntarily and may re-traumatise some.

The passage states critics note RJ 'requires victims to engage voluntarily and some may find it re-traumatising'. This is the specific criticism mentioned. Other options introduce claims not present in the passage.

3. D — A policing model where decisions about resource deployment are guided by systematic analysis of information and intelligence.

Intelligence-led policing uses systematic collection and analysis of information to guide tactical and strategic decisions. It is evidence-based and analytical.

4. D — The professional duty to be honest and transparent when working within the justice system, including when errors are made.

'Duty of candour' in policing means officers must be open, honest, and transparent in their professional roles — this includes proactively disclosing errors or failures and not misleading courts or colleagues. It goes beyond court testimony alone.

5. A — The College of Policing

The College of Policing published the Code of Ethics in 2014. It sets the standards of professional behaviour for everyone working in policing in England and Wales.

6. A — To make policing more efficient, effective, and legitimate through digital transformation, workforce development, and strengthening public confidence.

The Policing Vision 2025 set out a blueprint focused on improving efficiency, effectiveness, and legitimacy — including through digital transformation, building a diverse and skilled workforce, and strengthening public confidence in policing.

7. C — Level 4 and above (chief superintendent and above)

The CVF describes increasingly strategic and inspirational leadership behaviours at higher levels. Creating a compelling vision and challenging systemic barriers are behaviours associated with the most senior leadership levels (Level 4 and above in the CVF).

8. A — Emotional awareness

'Emotional awareness' includes recognising the emotional state of others and adapting communication accordingly. Checking for understanding and adjusting approach with a vulnerable teenager directly reflects this competency.



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9. A — Identifying that two witness accounts contradict each other and seeking further evidence to resolve the discrepancy.

'Analyse Critically' involves not taking information at face value, identifying inconsistencies, and seeking further information. Recognising contradictions and investigating further directly demonstrates this competency.

10. B — Impartiality

'Impartiality' requires treating all people fairly and equally regardless of personal history or background. Consistent respectful treatment regardless of prior offending reflects this value.

11. C — Innovative and open-minded

'Innovative and open-minded' includes seeking evidence to challenge existing approaches and proposing improvements based on data. While the officer also demonstrates aspects of other competencies, using research to challenge ineffective policy most directly reflects innovation and openness to change.

12. C — Taking ownership

Proactively seeking development opportunities demonstrates 'taking ownership' of your personal and professional growth. While 'innovative and open-minded' also involves learning, the self-directed nature of seeking training most closely aligns with personal accountability and ownership.

13. C — To better reflect the importance of digital skills, wellbeing, and inclusion in contemporary policing.

The 2023 update sought to better align the CVF with contemporary challenges including digital literacy, officer wellbeing, and a stronger focus on inclusion.

14. B — All offences generate a report.

From the given premises: all offences are investigated → all investigations generate a report → all offences generate a report. This is the only statement that must be true. Not all offences lead to arrests (only some reports lead to arrests), and arrests do not always follow from reports.

15. A — Hospital

An officer's primary institutional base is a police station; analogously, a doctor's primary institutional base for general practice and complex care is a hospital. The analogy concerns the primary institutional relationship.

16. A — Deploy within 30 minutes.

Applying the rules: urgent AND injury = deploy immediately. Urgent but no injury = deploy within 30 minutes. The call is urgent with no injury, so the correct action is deploy within 30 minutes.

17. D — R10

Letters advance by 2 each step (J, L, N, P, R) and numbers advance by 2 (2, 4, 6, 8, 10). The next pair is R10.

18. C — Raise your ideas respectfully during the meeting, explaining your reasoning clearly.

Professional communication and 'working collaboratively' require that constructive ideas are shared openly within the team. Raising ideas respectfully during the meeting demonstrates professional courage and collaborative working. Staying silent, gossiping with colleagues, or retrospectively criticising all fail to contribute positively.



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19. A — Research the community's demographics, recent local issues, and any relevant crime trends in the area.

Thorough preparation demonstrates professionalism, respect for the community, and analytical thinking. Research into demographics and local issues allows you to engage meaningfully and avoid inadvertent offence. Improvisation or minimal preparation risks poor community relations.

20. C — Listen supportively, acknowledge their feelings, share information about available welfare support, and encourage them to access it.

Emotional support, active listening, and signposting to welfare resources reflects 'working collaboratively' and 'emotional awareness'.

21. B — Politely raise your concern with the senior officer; if unresolved, escalate through appropriate channels.

Officers must not carry out unlawful orders, but concerns should be raised professionally first. If unresolved, escalating through proper channels is appropriate.

22. D — Prioritise tasks by urgency and risk, communicate clearly about your capacity, and seek support if needed.

Effective workload management under pressure involves prioritisation based on risk, honest communication, and seeking support appropriately. These behaviours reflect taking ownership, working collaboratively, and public service.

23. A — The well-known officer received a commendation.

Hyphens connect compound modifiers before a noun. 'well-known officer' correctly hyphenates the compound modifier before 'officer'.

24. A — At 14:30 on 12 June, PC Ahmed attended 47 High Street following a report of a disturbance. On arrival, she spoke to the complainant, Mr Brown, who stated he had heard shouting from the flat above.

Option A is written in clear, professional police report style: specific date and time, officer name and role, precise address, and a clear account of what occurred. The other options are either too informal, overly verbose, or lack coherent structure.

25. B — Treat the victim's account professionally and objectively, investigate without prejudging anyone based on your prior impressions.

Impartiality requires that all accounts are treated objectively regardless of prior impressions. Prior positive experience with the neighbour must not bias the investigation either way.

26. A — Call for an ambulance, ensure the scene is safe, and provide first aid if trained and able to.

Preservation of life is the highest priority. Calling for medical help and making the scene safe must come first. Taking witness details, breathalysing the driver, and moving casualties are all secondary considerations (note: casualties should generally not be moved unless in immediate danger).

27. B — Wake your colleague, check they are alright, and if the problem is persistent, encourage them to raise it with their supervisor.

Officer wellbeing and maintaining operational readiness must both be considered. Waking the colleague, checking their welfare, and encouraging proper support if the issue is ongoing is the professional and caring response.



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28. D — Reflect honestly on your behaviour, acknowledge the complaint formally, and handle it through the proper complaints process.

Professional accountability requires honest self-reflection and proper handling of complaints. Using the formal complaints process ensures fairness to both parties.

29. A — 8 hours 0 minutes

Total time in custody: $17:45 - 08:15 = 9 \text{ hours } 30 \text{ minutes}$. Subtract rest periods: $9 \text{ hours } 30 \text{ minutes} - 1 \text{ hour } 30 \text{ minutes} = 8 \text{ hours } 0 \text{ minutes}$.

30. A — 3,672

$2023 \text{ thefts} = 2022 \text{ figure} \times 1.20 = 3,060 \times 1.20 = 3,672$.



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