Part B SSPO Preparation

Questions total: 74

Format: Multiple Choice

Time: 35 minutes

The SSPO (Sigma Survey for Police Officers) was designed to identify candidates who have the cognitive skills to use sound practical judgment in police situations and who are capable of writing meaningful and credible police incident reports The SSPO (Part B Exam) is broken into two major sections, starting with Section A. **Section A** consists of 44 questions which measure: spelling, vocabulary, punctuation and grammar. **Section B** consists of 30 questions and is based on Police Problem-Solving. This section contains descriptions of situations that are relevant to the work of police officers. Each situation is followed by a series of multiple-choice questions that require you to identify the best response or course of action. The situations cover a wide range of problems that police typically encounter on the job, related to patrolling the city, approaching a group of disorderly individuals, taking suspect descriptions from witnesses, reading a map and applying problem-solving skills to a variety of law enforcement activities.

Below are three sample problems. Read each sample problem carefully and then indicate which of the possible answers you think is correct.

SAMPLE PROBLEMS
Part A: Incident Report Writing Aptitude

Police officers are frequently required to write incident reports. Part A contains sections that assess skills important in writing these reports:
1. Spelling
2. Vocabulary
3. Grammar and Punctuation

Spelling

Read each word and decide whether or not it is spelled correctly. If you think that it is spelled correctly, select "**Yes**." If you think it is spelled incorrectly, select "**No**."
  1. carr
Correct answer is "No" because the correct spelling is "car" rather than "carr".

  2. truck
Correct answer is "Yes" because truck is spelled correctly.

Vocabulary

  3. The officer questions the suspect until he got a full <u>confession</u>. Confession most nearly means:
       A. Admission
       B. Discussion
       C. Report
       D. Denial

Answer "**A**" is correct because "confession" most nearly means "admission."

SAMPLE PROBLEMS

Grammar and Punctuation

Solve the following problem.

4. Your task is to decide which of the four sentences is written correctly:
   A. I ain't spoke to the Sergeant.
   B. I ain't spoken to the Sergeant.
   C. I had not spoke to the Sergeant.
   D. I had not spoken to the Sergeant.

Answer "**D"** is correct because it is the only sentence written correctly.

Part B: Police Problem Solving

The situations in Part B are described in one or more paragraphs, or in the form of a map. The situations followed by a number of questions, each with four choices, one of which is more correct then the others. Your task is to decide which of the choices is the most correct one.

To make questions easier to answer, the situation is repeated at the bottom of each page. This allows you to scroll down to reread the situation instead of navigating between pages.

Choose the answer from A to D that best completes the sentence.

5. Which of the following pieces of equipment would be essential at night but less essential in the daylight hours?
   A. Two-way radio
   B. Flashlight
   C. List of other officers on duty
   D. Handcuffs

Answer **B** (flashlight) is the most correct answer because flashlights are rarely used during daylight hours.

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