

# **Principles of Working as a Security Officer in the Private Security Industry**

## **Specimen Examination Paper**

The specimen examination paper questions contained in this publication are representative of the type of questions used to assess candidates taking the Principles of Working as a Security Officer in the Private Security Industry examination.

Candidates are assessed by a 60 question, 90-minute, multiple choice examination. Candidates have to correctly answer 42 out of 60 questions to pass.

The answers to each of these questions are shown on the last page.

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1. When a colleague's personal alarm has sounded what should the security officer do first?
  - A Try to locate the sound
  - B Call for additional support
  - C Record the fault or issue
  - D Give personal assistance
  
2. Which of the following situations is likely to compromise the personal safety of security officers?
  - A Working in a busy shopping centre
  - B Working with a link to CCTV room
  - C Working for long periods outside
  - D Working during any disturbance
  
3. Security officers in a building site are likely to be provided with which of the following PPE?
  - A Stab vests and hats
  - B Hard hat and boots
  - C Eye protection shields
  - D Handheld personal alarms
  
4. What is the safety advantage of being mentally alert at work for security officers?
  - A Will help to identify any hazards or issues
  - B Will help to conduct safety checks quicker
  - C May reduce the need for additional resources
  - D May reduce paperwork or routine inspections
  
5. If a venue's policy is to carry out a search prior to entering, the security officer must have:
  - A their badge and registration number on display
  - B the person's permission to carry out the search
  - C concern that the individual is trying to hide something
  - D prior information that this person is a risk to the venue

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6. What precautions should security operatives take when carrying out a search?
- A That all searches are carried out inside
  - B Female staff must always be present
  - C Same sex staff to search same sex clients
  - D Children are never searched in public view
7. What should security operatives do if people refuse to be searched prior to entering a venue?
- A State you have major concerns and insist the person is searched
  - B Say that the person will be safe, but they must be searched
  - C Call the police as the person has refused to your request
  - D State that you cannot allow them in until they comply
8. What can be a purpose for Security Officers patrolling the premises?
- A Helps to deter anyone from carrying out criminal activities
  - B Shows that the staff are not sleeping whilst on duty
  - C Helps prevents people from looking for shelter
  - D Shows that the organisation is being reactive
9. Check calls are important for security operatives because they:
- A help to monitor what the operative is doing
  - B remind them of things they need to collect
  - C ensure their safety and can offer assistance
  - D show that the organisation is working
10. It is important the security operative records and preserves crime scenes to:
- A allow the correct cleaning organisation time to fulfil their role
  - B ensure any evidence can be used effectively when in court
  - C show that the venue is run by professionally trained staff
  - D help with claiming any compensation or insurance claim

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## Answers

<b>Q</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Assessment Criteria</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>B</b>	3.4 Identify types of alarm activations and the actions to take in response to them.
<b>2</b>	<b>D</b>	4.2 Identify situations that might compromise personal safety.
<b>3</b>	<b>B</b>	4.6 Recognise the different types of personal protective equipment relevant to the role of a security officer.
<b>4</b>	<b>A</b>	4.11 Identify the personal safety advantages of mental alertness at work.
<b>5</b>	<b>B</b>	6.2 Identify a security officer's right to search.
<b>6</b>	<b>C</b>	6.5 State precautions to take when carrying out a search.
<b>7</b>	<b>D</b>	6.10 Recognise actions to take in the event of a search refusal.
<b>8</b>	<b>A</b>	7.1 State the purposes of patrolling.
<b>9</b>	<b>C</b>	7.6 Recognise the importance of check calls.
<b>10</b>	<b>B</b>	7.8 State reasons for recording and preserving crime scenes.