

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 in the Private Security Industry examination.

Candidates are assessed by a 70 question, 105-minute, multiple choice examination. Candidates have to correctly answer 49 out of 70 questions to pass.

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

- 1. Which of the following is a key purpose of the private security industry?
- A To support and train new managers
- B To provide meaningful employment
- C To monitor and respond to safety risks
- D To communicate with licensing officers
- 2. What is the benefit of a "pub watch scheme"?
- A Demonstrates the popularity of the venue
- B Shows cooperation with the local authority
- C Assists with controlling infections
- D Reports and records staff changes
- 3. The purpose of the Approved Contractor Scheme includes
- A mentoring for all new staff
- B subsidising costs for licences
- C reducing the need for training
- D increasing customer confidence
- 4. Which of the following is a licensable activity under the Private Security Act?
- A First Aid
- **B** Close Protection
- C Community Policing
- D Designated Premises Supervising
- 5. Under GDPR, security operatives must ensure any information on people is used
- A for advertising purposes
- B fairly and transparently
- C freely and openly
- D for recruiting staff

- 6. When security operatives wish to make an arrest, they must
- A tell the person they are under arrest
- B explain the person's right to legal aid
- C inform the person's next of kin or named individual
- D remove anything that could be used to harm them
- 7. Typical workplace hazards for security operatives include
- A lack of welfare facilities and rooms
- B poor lighting and uneven surfaces
- C being recorded on a device when detaining a client
- D having to undertake refresher training every year
- 8. Mandatory signs are always
- A blue with white writing
- B white with a red border
- C green with white writing
- D yellow and black pictures
- 9. Class "B" fires relate to
- A electrical fires
- B hot cooking oil
- C flammable gases
- D flammable liquids
- 10. For security operatives, a key principle for customer service should include
- A being tactile
- B showing respect
- C offering discounts
- D ignoring altercations

Answers

Q	Answer	Assessment Criteria
1	С	1.1 Identify the key purposes of the private security industry
2	В	1.4 Identify the benefits of community safety initiative
3	D	1.8 State the purpose of the Approved Contractor Scheme.
4	В	2.4 Identify licensable roles under the Private Security Act.
5	В	2.5 Identify how data protection regulation impacts on the security
		operative.
6	Α	3.4 State procedures to follow when making an arrest.
7	В	4.3 Identify typical workplace hazards and risks.
8	Α	4.5 Identify safety signs and signals.
9	D	5.4 Identify classifications of fire.
10	В	7.4 State the principles of customer service.