NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE OFFICER
CANDIDATE
TEST PREPARATION KIT

ANSWER KEY

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INTRODUCTION

This Test Preparation Kit was prepared to assist you in achieving your best score on the upcoming New York City Police Officer’s Entrance Exam. The actual exam will contain more questions and more time will be allotted.

Included in the Test Preparation Kit were certain time restraints. Be sure to follow these time restraints on “exam day”.

This booklet included definitions and sample questions of several ability areas that may be tested on “exam day”. Review each sample question until you are comfortable with the material. Be aware that the definitions of each ability area will not appear on the actual exam.

The material included was based on types of questions used in previous exams. There are no assurances that all of these areas will be covered or that additional areas will not be added.

This booklet is not all-inclusive and many candidates find studying additional material such as reading comprehension passages, math problems, etc., are beneficial to achieve the best score possible.

To get the most from this booklet, it is suggested that you:

- Study uninterrupted for at least 45 minutes at a time.
- Be sure and take this practice exam in a test-like setting using only the allotted amount of time. When you take any exam, follow all directions provided.
- Review incorrect answers.
- Review each ability area until you are comfortable with the definition and concept.
- When you are comfortable with one ability area, move onto the next.

**All candidates should be aware that the New York City Department of Administrative Services (DCAS), a separate agency from the NYPD, administers the entry-level exam, not the NYPD.**
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**MEMORIZATION** - This ability involves remembering information, such as words, numbers pictures and procedures. Pieces of information can be remembered by themselves or with other pieces of information. Candidates are given a picture to study for a given amount of time, and when then are asked questions concerning the content. The picture might be a photograph or a drawing.

Questions 1-10 are based on the memory portion of this exam. Listed below are some examples that may assist you in memorizing important information.

- Addresses
- Names of stores
- Description of people or vehicle
- Time of day
- Any unusual items
- Any item indicated with a number or name

Please don’t limit yourself only to the hints or examples listed above. There may be methods, you utilize to help yourself memorize information in the photo. These are just some helpful hints to assist you.
**Spatial Orientation** - This ability involves determining where you are in relation to the location of some object or to tell where the object is in relation to you. Another Spatial Orientation format provides the candidates with a map (e.g., of a patrol sector). This map may include one-way streets or streets that are obstructed or unusable for some reason. The candidates are asked to identify the most efficient route to drive from one location to another, given the constraints of the situation.

11. In questioning a crime victim, you are told the suspect pulled out a gun and “told me to hand over my wallet”. Then he ran out the door of my office and down the stairs. I ran over to the window and observed the suspect with his back to me heading northbound. He then made a right turn and ran two more blocks and then made a left turn.

According to this information, you would be most correct to radio that the perpetrator was last seen traveling.

The answer is **A**

Some questions are better understood if you draw out a diagram with the information you are provided with.

[Diagram showing directions and turns]

O = Perp
X = You
Written Comprehension - This ability involves understanding written sentences and paragraphs. Some examples of questions testing this ability are:

12. The correct Answer is C
   A – NY Plate # 319GAZ, white 1997 Chevrolet van
   B – NY Plate # 319GZA, red 1999 station wagon
   D – NY Plate # 319GAZ, white 1999 Chevrolet van

* The answer is in paragraph 3, line 3

13. The correct answer is B

* The answer is in paragraph 3, line 2 and 3
   The traffic accident occurred five minutes earlier. 10:10 A M

14. The correct answer is A

* The answer is in paragraph 1, line 6
   (There were no personal injuries)
WRITTEN EXPRESSION - This ability involves using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand.

15. The correct answer is C

C – A 2003 Buick driven by Elizabeth Pollack struck a guardrail at the intersection of 13th Ave. and 83rd St. at 6:30 pm, causing a dented front fender

*Be sure to read all choices carefully
The answer must have all three concepts

1. most clearly
2. accurately
3. completely

16. The correct Answer is B

A- Sentence #1 is not grammatically correct
C- Sentence #2 is grammatically correct
D- Sentence #1 is not grammatically correct

*Sentence #1 is a run-on sentence with punctuation errors*

Information Ordering - This ability involves following correctly a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. The rule or set of rules used must be given. The things or actions to be put in order can include numbers, letters, words, pictures, procedures, sentences, and mathematical or logical operations.

17. The correct Answer is B

A- This step has already been performed
C- This is the 4th step. Step 3 has not been performed yet
D- This is the last step. Step 3 and 4 have to be performed.
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18. The correct answer is A

   B- First you must confiscate the driver’s license
   C- This is the last step
   D- This is step #4

**Inductive Reasoning** - This ability involves combining separate pieces of information, or specific answers to problems, to form general rules or conclusions. It involves the ability to think of possible reasons for why things go together.

19. The correct Answer is B

   *In the first paragraph it is explained that all members of the service will follow these safety guidelines

   **Keyword : SAFETY**

   *It is important to read carefully

20. The correct Answer is D

   A- This answer is false. According to the chart you must first indicate the type of offense, the degree and then the class of offense.
   B- This answer is false. It is the exact opposite.
   C- This answer is false. It depends on the injury and if a weapon was used.
21. The correct Answer is **B**

In order to answer this question correctly, you must use the description of each choice to eliminate the incorrect answers.

i.e.  
A- A male Asian about 6’2”
B- A male Asian about 6’2”
C- A male Asian about 6’6”
D- A male Asian about 6’2”

The answer can’t be **C** because the description is incorrect, according to the other descriptions.

22. The correct answer is **B**

A- 2 3 7 A J X
B- 2 3 1 A J X
C- 2 8 1 A J X
D- 2 3 1 A I X

B = 2 3 1 A J X

* Use each inconsistency to eliminate itself from the correct answer. Look for the common letters and numbers.

23. The correct Answer is **B**

A- This answer would include multiplication along with addition. This is incorrect.
C- This would only give you the total moving summonses.
D- This would only give you the total parking summonses.
**VISUALIZATION** – This ability involves imagining how something would look when it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged. It requires forming mental images of how patterns or objects would look after certain changes, such as unfolding or rotation. One has to predict how an object, set of object, or patterns will appear after the changes have been carried out. Another Visualization format presents the candidates with a diagram or floor plan, which may be a mirror image or some other variant of an area officers must enter.

24. The correct Answer is C
   - A- The rear view of the large roof should be first not second.
   - B- The rear view of the large roof is not the first building.
   - D- The rear view of the roofs should not be together.

25. The correct answer is B
    - The answer is in paragraph #3, line #1.

26. The correct answer is D
    - The answer is in paragraph #1, lines #9 and #10.

27. The correct answer is B
    - The answer is in paragraph #3, line #5.

28. The correct answer is A
    - The answer is in paragraph #3, line #7.
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29. The correct answer is **A**
   
   B- A car was involved (2003 Volvo)
   
   C- A 2003 Volvo was involved (Joe Bedford was the driver)
   
   D- A 2003 Volvo struck Joe Bedford (Joe Bedford was driving)

   *Be sure to read all the choices carefully*

30. The correct Answer is **C**
   
   A- Vehicles #2 and #3 are headed westbound.
   
   B- The numbers on the vehicles are incorrect
   
   D- The number on the vehicles are incorrect and, vehicle #2 is headed southbound.

31. The correct answer is **D**
   
   A- A purse was snatched (Andrea Jason’s purse was snatched)
   
   B- A purse was snatched in front of Andrea Jason.
   (It was Andrea Jason’s purse that was snatched)
   
   C- Andrea Jason has a purse.
   (It was snatched by an unidentified person)

32. The correct answer is **D**
   
   A- A 2003 Ford was stolen. (Richard Alvin’s 2003 Ford was stolen)
   
   B- A 2003 Ford was stolen. (Richard Alvin’s 2003 Ford was stolen)
   
   C- Richard Alvin has a 2003 Ford.
   (Richard Alvin did have a 2003 Ford, but it was stolen)
33. The correct answer is **D**

*First you must determine if the Police Officer’s actions are improper or proper.*

*According to guidelines provided in question #33, officer Strong’s actions are improper*

B- The guidelines do not base the amount of the reward on the type of crime that was committed

**DEDUCTIVE REASONING** – This ability involves applying general rules to specific problems and coming up with logical answers. It involves deciding if an answer makes sense

34. The correct answer is **D**

A- According to the definition given, the female would have to be under 11 years of age.
B- According to the definition given, a 15 year old male can’t commit rape.
C- According to the definition given, the female would have to be under 14 years of age.

35. The correct answer is **A**

B- This is a missing, a possible victim of drowning, according to the definition given.
C- This is a missing, a person under 18 years of age, according to the definition given.
D- This is a missing, mentally or physically handicapped, according to the definition given.
36. The correct Answer is C

A- It was **unknown** to the exterminator that one of the Boyd’s children was upstairs sleeping.
B- The trapeze artist would possible only injure himself, according to the definition, this is not reckless endangerment.
D- There is no one home who could get injured, only property.

37. The correct Answer is C

A- This rim contains too many spokes.
B- These spokes are too thin.
D- This rim doesn’t have enough spokes.

38. The correct answer is B

A- This is step #4. Police Officer Shea must record such notification in her activity log.
C- This is step #3. Police Officer Shea must perform step #2 first.
D- This is the last step that must be performed by Police Officer Shea.

39. The correct answer is B

A- This is the last step that Police Officer Ponder must perform.
C- This step has already been completed.
D- This step has already been completed.
40. The correct answer is **B**
   (This is located at the intersection of Springview Drive and Clark Street)
   
   A- Point #2 is located at the intersection of Eagle Street and Asten Place.
   C- Point #6 is located at the intersection of Astor Street and Springview Drive.
   D- Point #5 is located at the intersection of London Street and Valley Drive.

41. The correct answer is **B**
   
   A- Point #1 is located at the intersection of Beck Street. Beck Street was never mentioned in the directions.
   C- Point #5 is located at the intersection of Valley Drive and London Street. In route to Desert Blvd., you travel past point #5, so this could not be the point of destination.
   D- Point #2 is located at the intersection of Eagle Street and Asten Place. Asten Place is not mentioned in the directions, so this could not be a correct choice.

42. The correct answer is **A**  (Remember you must obey all of the traffic rules)
   
   B- Astor Street is a one-way street, eastbound only.
   C- Springview Drive is a one-way street, northbound only.
   D- Springview Drive is a one-way street, northbound only.

43. The correct answer is **D**
   
   A- Springview Drive is a one-way street, northbound only.
   B- Beck Street is a one-way street, westbound only.
   C- Springview Drive is a one-way street, northbound only.

44. The correct answer is **A**  (Missing 2 fingers is an unusual feature)
   
   B- The suspect can change jackets
   C- The suspect can cut his hair.
   D- The suspect’s approximate weight is 150 pounds. It could vary by 10 pounds.
45. The correct answer is B
   A- The suspect can cut his hair.
   C- The suspect can change clothes.
   D- The suspect can shave his moustache.

46. The correct answer is D
   A- The robberies took place at 20 West 259th Street.
   B- The assaults took place at 5 April Avenue.
   C- This is no such address.

47. The correct answer is A
   B- The rapes occurred at this time.
   C- The robberies occurred at this time.
   D- 7 April Avenue is not the correct address.

PROBLEM SENSITIVITY – This ability involves being able to tell when something is likely to go wrong. It includes being able to identify the whole problem as well as elements of the problem.

48. The correct answer is D (This creates a dangerous situation)
   A- A one-lane country road will be clearly marked with painted double lines.
   B- There are always signs posted for upcoming sharp turns.
   C- The potholes are filled.
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49. The correct answer is **B**  (This creates a dangerous situation)
   
   A- There is no need for a barricade.
   C- The road has already been paved
   D- The leaves are dry, there is no need for a barricade.

50. The correct answer is **C**

   A- A disco may be crowded as long as there is no danger.
   B- A subway may be crowded as long as there is no danger.
   D- It is a minor traffic accident.

51. The correct answer is **B**

   A- Two men talking do not require police attention.
   C- Four teenagers discussing fashion with a shopkeeper do not require police attention.
   D- A man and a woman running for political office having a debate do not require police attention.

   **Number Facility** – This ability involves adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing correctly.

52. The correct answer is **D**

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   \begin{align*}
   6 & \\
   6 \mid 36 & = 6
   \end{align*}
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53. The correct answer is A

\[ \begin{align*}
    275.00 + 73.00 + 275.00 & = 875.00 \\
    & (3 \text{ sweaters})
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
    25.00 + 19.00 + 25.00 & = 50.00 \\
    & (2 \text{ shirts})
\end{align*} \]

\[ \begin{align*}
    825.00 + 146.00 + 50.00 + 19.99 & = 1040.00 \\
    & 3(275) + 2(73) + 2(25) + 19 = 1040.00
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