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New York City Environmental Police Officer Exam*



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## Question: 1

During a power outage across the city, your department has started receiving sporadic complaints about looting. As you patrol the area near dusk, which of these people should you be most suspicious of?

- A. A man sitting on a porch bobbing his head to music while wearing what appear to be new, expensive headphones
- B. A man pulling a kid's wagon down the sidewalk containing four cases of beer
- C. A teenager walking down the street wearing the latest in urban fashion
- D. A man in bike shorts and shoes sitting on a curb drinking from a water bottle next to a very expensive racing bicycle

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

Of the four choices, a man pulling a kid's wagon down the sidewalk containing four cases of beer would be the most likely case of looting. A man who can afford to purchase four cases of beer at once probably owns a car, and wouldn't be using a child's toy to transport the beer. Many people sit on their porches and listen to music, and there's nothing inherently suspicious about owning new electronic devices, so A is wrong. The same goes for urban fashion—lots of teenagers own trendy clothes which they bought and paid for. Plus, if the teenager had just stolen them, it's unlikely he would be wearing them already, so C is also wrong. The man with the expensive bicycle looks like he just finished a long ride, and he is dressed for the part, so there's no reason to think he stole the bike, making D a poor choice.

## Question: 2

While patrolling your beat around midnight, you see three teenage males near the entrance of an athletic shoe store in a strip mall. Pulling over, you ask them what they're up to. At first, they say they're just "hanging out." When they see that you're skeptical of the story, one of them says that they thought maybe the store was still open. About the same time, another one says that they're waiting to be first in line when the store opens in the morning because a popular sneaker company is releasing a new shoe. What is most likely going on?

- A. They were just hanging out
- B. They thought the store was open but were mistaken
- C. They want to be first in line when the store opens in the morning
- D. They were planning on breaking into the store

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

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The most likely explanation for their behavior is that they were planning on breaking into the store. Their explanations either make no sense, or they contradict one another. It would be very odd to just "hang out" at midnight in front of a store at a strip mall, especially since that would be considered loitering, which is against the law, so A is wrong. Most people know that a shoe store in a strip mall is not going to be open at midnight, so B isn't believable. While it's possible that a popular new shoe is being released the next morning, that's highly unlikely to be true since it's the third story they come up with, so C is wrong. And the fact that they told three different stories is strong evidence that none of them are true.

### Question: 3

Which behavior by a driver you just happen to have been following for a while should most concern you?

- A. The driver begins constantly changing lanes, using his signal for each lane change
- B. The driver appears to be singing at the top of his voice
- C. The driver signals for a right turn, but then turns his signal off and proceeds straight
- D. The driver rolls down his window at every stop and lets his arm hang out the window

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

A driver who begins constantly switching lanes after seeing that a police car is behind him, while always being careful to signal each lane change, is exhibiting very unusual behavior. Many people change lanes without signaling; repeatedly changing lanes and signaling every single one suggests that the driver is concerned about being pulled over and he wants to get out of your line of sight but he's also being hyper-cautious about following the letter of the law so as to not give you a reason to pull him over. A driver ahead of you who signals a right turn but changes his mind, turns his signal off, and goes straight, is obviously not trying to evade you, so the driver in C shouldn't raise any concerns. There's really nothing suspicious at all about the behavior of the drivers in B and D.

### Question: 4

You and your partner are responding to a call from a homeowner who says his car was broken into, and several items are missing. On your way to the residence, you pass another house where two adult males are in the yard, in boxing stances, shouting threats at each other in what sounds like a dispute over a female. What should you do?

- A. Proceed to the first call and request dispatch to send someone to the dispute
- B. Ask the dispatcher what you should do
- C. Stop and deal with the situation and not dispatch about the unplanned stop
- D. Ignore it because responding to the car break-in is your top priority

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

You should stop and deal with the situation and notify dispatch about the unplanned stop. It looks as if a fight is about to break out, and preventing violence takes priority over investigating a car break-in that already happened.

**Question: 5**

At a departmental meeting, the new corrections supervisor, whom you've never worked under before, outlines some new rules about conducting cell searches for contraband. You are near the back and the supervisor is soft-spoken, and you didn't make out everything he said. What should you do?

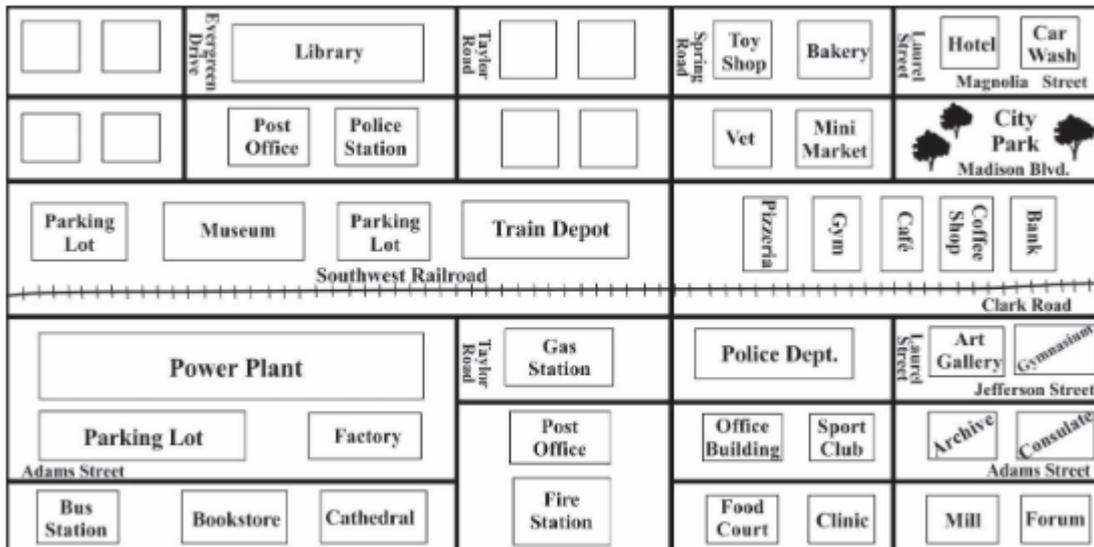
- A. Talk to some fellow officers later to find out exactly what the supervisor said
- B. Assume that the new rules are not much different than the old rules and don't worry
- C. After the meeting, ask the supervisor to clarify what you didn't understand
- D. Don't worry about it, because if it's important, it will be in a departmental email

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

After the meeting ask the supervisor to clarify what you didn't understand. Talking to your fellow officers about what the supervisor said isn't a good idea because they may have had just as much trouble hearing it as you did, or they may not remember it correctly, so A is wrong. The actions in answers B and D are irresponsible because the information you missed may well be both very important and urgent, so assuming that no major changes are required or that if they're really important you'll get an email are wrong choices.

**Question: 6**



If an officer is on patrol between the archive and the mill, and is dispatched to the bus station, which of these is the shortest route between these two points?

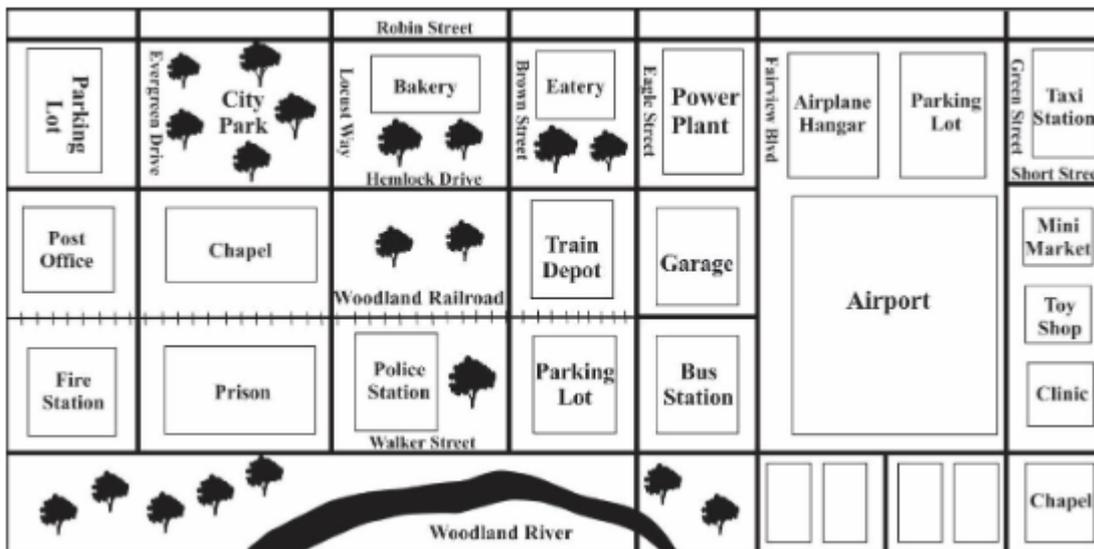
- A. Drive north on Spring Road, drive west on Magnolia Street, and south on Clark Road.
- B. Drive west on Adams Street, north on Spring Road, west on Jefferson Street, south on Taylor Road, and west on Adams Street.
- C. Drive east on Adams Street, north on Taylor Road, east on Jefferson Street, south on Spring Road, and east on Adams Street.
- D. Drive east on Jefferson Street north on Laurel Street, west on Clark Road, and south on Spring Road.

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

Drive west on Adams Street, north on Spring Road, west on Jefferson Street, south on Taylor Road, and west on Adams Street. A is incorrect because going north on Spring Road and west on Magnolia will take you nowhere near the bus station, and going south on Clark Road is impossible because it runs east and west. B and C are both wrong for several reasons: including the fact that each of them begins by traveling east. when the bus station is directly west of the archive.

**Question: 7**



A suspected shoplifter has been detained at the toy store. The officers dispatched to arrest the suspect are just finishing up their lunch at the eatery next to the power plant. Which of these is the shortest route from there to the toy store?

- A. Drive south on Eagle Street, east on Hemlock Drive, south on Fairview Boulevard, east on Walker Street, and north on Green Street.
- B. Drive north on Brown Street, east on Robin Street, and south on Green Street.
- C. Drive north on Green Street, west on Robin Street, and south on Brown Street.
- D. Drive east on Hemlock Drive, north on Fairview Boulevard, east on Robin Street, and south on Green Street.

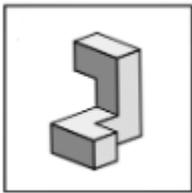
**Answer: B**

Explanation:

Drive north on Brown Street, east on Robin Street, and south on Green Street. A is incorrect: those directions will get the officers to the toy store, but they are not the most direct route because Hemlock Drive doesn't connect to Green Street, so they would have to turn south, turn east, and then double back by heading north on Green Street. C is wrong; these are actually the reverse directions, from the toy store to the eatery. D is wrong because the first step is driving east on Hemlock Drive, but the officers could only start driving on Brown Street, Robin Street, or Eagle Street.

### Question: 8

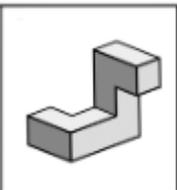
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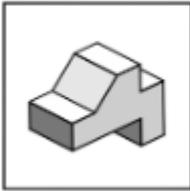


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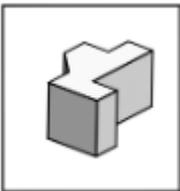
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**Question: 9**

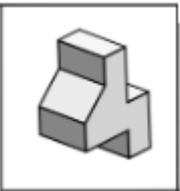
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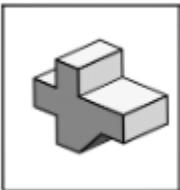
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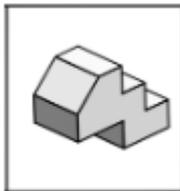
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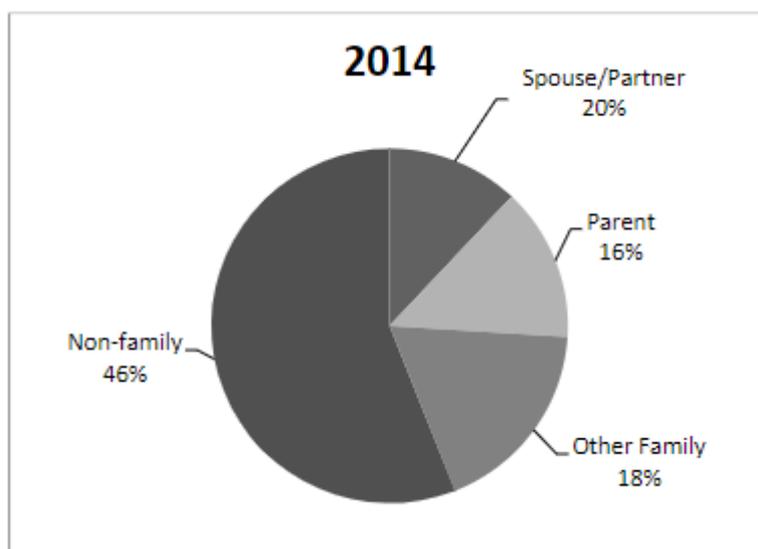
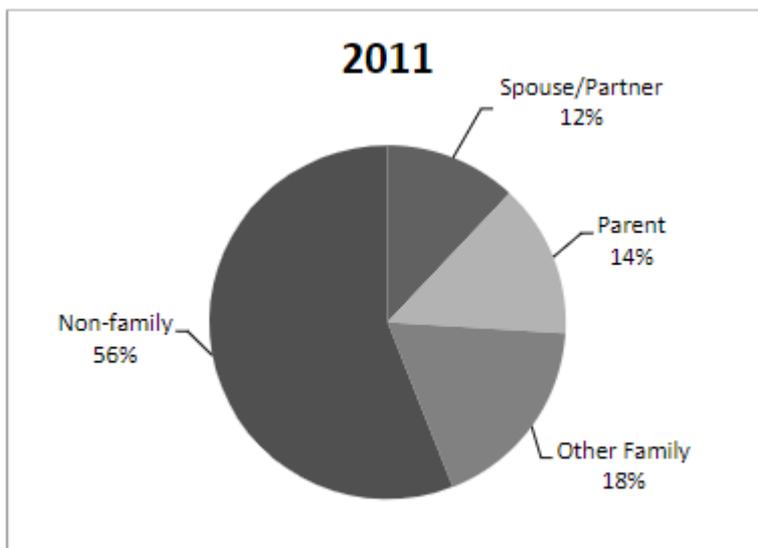


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**Answer: E**

### Question: 10

Here is some data about sex abusers in one city, showing the categories of relationships sexual abusers have with their victims, and what percentage of abusers are in each category, for the years 2011 and 2014.



In 2014, which category saw the biggest increase from 2011?

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- A. Spouse/ Partner
  - B. Parent
  - C. Other family
  - D. Non-family

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

Only two categories increased from 2011 to 2014. The biggest category, Nonfamily, decreased from 56% to 46%. Other Family stayed the same at 18%. The category of abusers in the Parent category increased from 14% to 16%, while Spouse/Partner saw an increase from 12% to 20%.

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