

OREGON STATE POLICE

Police Officer Selection Test (POST) Exam Familiarization



Test Format and Helpful Hints

The POST is made up of four separately timed test sections. The four sections (Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Grammar, and Report Writing) are made up of story problems, multiple-choice, and true/false formats, and the writing section will assess your ability to write effectively.

Though most of the questions in the POST relate to police duty, no prior knowledge of laws or law enforcement will be needed to answer the questions. It is important to keep in mind the amount of time allowed for each section so you can pace yourself. There is no penalty for guessing, so if you find you are spending too much time on a question, make your best guess and move on.

Be sure to get good quality sleep leading up to the test and to eat and hydrate well the day of the test.



The Math section is first and has 20 questions which you are given 30 minutes to complete. You will not be allowed to use a calculator, so it is very important that you know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide (including long division) without one, as well as knowing how to calculate fractions and percentages. Be sure to read the problems carefully and fully before answering any of the questions.

The Reading Comprehension section is second and has 25 questions which you are given 25 minutes to complete. Read the paragraphs carefully and fully, noting key phrases and information that might pertain to the questions. When answering the questions, refer back to the paragraph(s) to confirm your answers.

The Grammar section is third and has 20 questions which you are given 15 minutes to complete. This section assesses your spelling ability and your knowledge of correct punctuation and grammar (correct tense of words and prepositions). Consider downloading a grammar study app to prepare for this section.

The Report Writing section is last and has 10 questions. You will be given 15 minutes to complete it. It is important to remember when answering the questions to write in complete sentences and to use the correct information, grammar, and spelling.

Section I - Math

1. Every other week, the local chamber of commerce hosts a first responders town hall meeting for the community. Trooper Larson participates in all of these meetings except 2. How many meetings does he attend ?
A. 48 B. 26 C. 24 D. 30 E. 52
- Questions 2 and 3 are based on the following information... In preparing a report on a burglary in a toy store, Trooper Conner listed the following stolen items and their values.
Gaming Console \$600 Tablet \$325 Phone \$250 Barcode Scanner \$85
2. What was the total value of all the stolen goods? A. \$1200 B. \$1360 C. \$1680 D. \$1260 E. \$2000
3. What is the percentage of the total value of the stolen items that represents the tablet? (Rounding to the nearest tenth)
A. 24% B. 30% C. 15% D. 20% E. 26%
4. During a 7-day period, Det. Singh received 150 tips on an investigation. If he got 60 tips on one day, how many tips did he average on each of the other days? A. 10 tips B. 15 tips C. 40 tips D. 12 tips E. 20 tips
5. Trooper Steele issued 40 traffic citations in one month with a total fine value of \$4,800. What is the average fine amount of each citation? A. \$120 B. \$150 C. \$225 D. \$265 E. \$300

Section II - Reading Comprehension

- Questions 6-9 are based on the following passage.
The Willamette river is enforcing new boating restrictions between Newberg and the Oregon City Falls through the use of stickers. These restrictions apply to all water craft vessels and are effective Monday – Friday only. Vessels with an “1” sticker are considered essential to safety services and may travel and moor (tie up) freely along the river. Guided fishing and sightseeing vessels will be issued a “2” sticker. Delivery vessels will be issued a “3” sticker which allows them access to the river for loading and unloading between 6 and 9 am and 5 to 8 pm only. Business owners along the river will be issued a “4” sticker which allows them access to their place of business. Privately owned vessels with an “5” sticker may be driven and moored along the river on Monday and Tuesday only. Vessels issued a “6” sticker may be driven and moored along the river on Wednesday and Friday only.
6. According to the passage, a fuel vessel may deliver fuel to the Boones Ferry Marina...
A. on Mondays only B. weekends 9am-5pm C. between 6 am and 9 am D. on Thursdays only E. between 9 am and 5 pm only
7. According to the passage, what type of sticker will be assigned to Lupe, who owns a kayak rental store on the river? A. 4 sticker B. 5 sticker C. 1 sticker D. 3 sticker E. 6 sticker
8. According to the passage, Mr. Ruiz has a jet ski with a 6 sticker and may drive and moor on the river...
A. at any time B. on any Friday C. before 6 am or after 8 pm on any day D. weekends only E. Monday and Tuesday
9. According to the passage, boaters with a 5 or 6 sticker may drive and moor on the river on any Wednesday.
A. True B. False

- Question 10 is based on the statement below.
Under Oregon State Law to prevent distracted driving you are not allowed to hold or use a mobile electronic device while driving.
10. Which of the following best describes a violation of this law? A. Robert, who uses his voice activated bluetooth calling feature while driving. B. Casey who has pulled over and has come to a complete stop to report a hazard in the roadway. C. Patrick who is listening to a podcast that he set up through his speakers before leaving his house. D. Sally, who is holding her phone and texting while driving down I-84.

Section III - Grammar

11. The burglary happened at a _____. A. resterant B. restaurant C. restaraunt
12. Trooper Bell decided that she and _____ would canvas the area together. A. me B. I
13. Sergeant Kalamau advised the suspect that _____ under arrest. A. their B. they're C. there
14. Fentanyl overdose is now the leading cause of acidental death among people under 40. Which word in the above sentence is misspelled? A. among B. overdose C. fentanyl D. cause E. acidental
15. Dispatch recieves hundreds of calls every day for distracted drivers . Which word in the above sentence is misspelled? A. distracted B. hundreds C. dispatch D. recieves

Section IV - Report Writing

- Use the following information to answer questions 16-18, and be sure to answer in complete sentences.
Offense: Theft Name of Victim: Lisa Nguyen Suspect: Unknown Description: Sandals - red shorts - dark blue shirt
16. What crime did the suspect commit? _____
17. Who was the victim of this crime? _____
18. How was the suspect dressed? _____

Answer Key

1-C 2-D 3-E 4-B 5-A 6-C 7-A 8-B 9-B 10-D 11-B 12-A 13-B 14-E 15-D *16) The unknown suspect committed theft. 17) The victim of this crime was Lisa Nguyen. 18) The suspect was dressed in sandals, red shorts, and a dark blue shirt. *16-18 are general examples of acceptable answers.