

What sort of tests will you have to do?

The Initial Selection Test consists of timed sub-tests addressing the following skills:

- Understanding and accurately interpreting written material.
- Interpreting and utilising verbal and numerical data.

These practice tests are designed to introduce you to the actual test used, and to help you prepare.

Practice makes perfect

On the following pages you will find several practice questions for the skills listed above. The practice tests are not timed but you should work as quickly and accurately as you can because the real tests do have time limits.

How to do the practice questions

Most paper and pencil tests require you to record your answers on a separate answer sheet so that they can be scored quickly. In these practice tests you should mark your answers to the practice questions in the sections provided by following the instructions.

Now turn over and see how you get on.

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Police Trainee Recruitment Initial Selection Test

PRACTICE TEST

INSTRUCTIONS

In the following practice test you will be asked to read a number of passages and then consider a set of statements relating to the passages.

Your task is to conclude whether these statements are:

True, in that from the facts and information given in the passage, you can conclude that the statement is true; or

False, in that from the facts and information given in the passage, you can conclude that the statement is false; or

Can't tell, in that from the facts and information given in the passage, you cannot tell if the statement is true or false

You should base your reasoning on the assumption that factual statements in the passages are true for the sake of this test, even if you believe them to be false in the real world.

In each case mark only one answer for each statement in the answer sheet section in the middle of the facing page. Fully blacken in the circle of the right answer (T = True, F = False, CT = Can't tell).

See how many questions you can answer in 7 ½ minutes.

The London congestion charge is aimed at encouraging people to think again about using their vehicles in central London and to choose other forms of transport. Motorists who still wish to travel in or through central London have to pay the daily fee. The scheme is policed by cameras on roads within the congestion zone which read car registration plates. The charge is currently active between 7am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays.

The boundary of the zone is formed by the Inner Ring Road, on which there is no charge to drive. All vehicles driving across the £8 charge zone have to pay. However, some vehicles are exempt from the charge (for example, taxis, licensed minicabs, emergency services, blue/orange badge holders, alternative energy vehicles). Others entitled to a discount are mainly residents, but also some vehicle breakdown services and selected households living on the zone's border.

T = True F= False CT = Can't tell

1. The congestion charge does not apply to emergency services.
2. The congestion charge does not apply on Public holidays.
3. There is a charge to drive on the Inner Ring Road.

4. If you live on the border of the congestion charge zone, you will be entitled to discount.

Purchasing Tickets

- Customers boarding at main stations will not be permitted to pass the ticket barrier or board any train without first purchasing a valid ticket for their journey.
- Weekly and Monthly Ticket holders can purchase their tickets from 4 days in advance of the expiry date of their current ticket. By doing this you can avoid the queues on Monday mornings and at the start of the month.
- Please be aware that once the train doors have closed, station staff have no way of gaining access to the train.
- To allow all passengers to board the train safely, ticket barriers at main stations will close 1 minute prior to departure time.

T = True F= False CT = **Can't tell**

5. Passengers are able to purchase a ticket on board a train at main stations.
6. Monthly ticket holders are unable to purchase their tickets 5 days in advance of the expiry date on their current ticket.
7. More people choose to renew their tickets in advance than those who queue on a Monday morning.
8. Ticket barriers at main stations close 1 minute prior to departure time for reasons of safety.

Film criticism is the analysis and evaluation of films. These works can be divided into two categories: academic criticism by film scholars, and journalistic film criticism that appears regularly in newspapers and other media.

Film critics working for newspapers, magazines, and broadcast media mainly review new releases. Normally they only see any film once and have only a day or two to formulate opinions. Critics have an important impact on films, especially those of certain genres. Mass marketed action, horror, and comedy films tend not to be greatly affected by a critic's overall judgment of a film. The plot summary and description of a film that makes up the majority of any film review impacts on whether people decide to see a film. For prestige films, such as most dramas, the influence of reviews is extremely important. Poor reviews will often doom a film to obscurity and financial loss.

T = True F= False CT = **Can't tell**

9. New releases are mainly reviewed by those critics working for newspapers, magazines and broadcast media.
10. The film reviews of critics have no impact on whether people decide to see a film.

11. The decision whether to release a film is based mainly on the outcome of film reviews.
12. There is only one kind of mass marketed film.

Mark your answers here

T = True

F = False

CT = Can't tell

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Part B

INSTRUCTIONS

In this test you must use the information in the data sheet in order to answer a series of questions. The questions are all based on the operation of a fictitious Hotel called the Rossgall City Hotel.

The data sheet contains information about how the Rossgall City Hotel is run, information about the facilities that are available, and information about bookings.

The test questions are all multiple choice and in each case you must blacken the circle of the right answer on the answer sheet. The answer sheet section is located in the top right corner of the facing page. There is only one correct answer for each question.

See how many questions you can answer in **10 ½** minutes.

DATA SHEET

Available Rooms	Sleeping Capacity	Number of Rooms available
Single	1	25
Double	2	35
Family	5	15
Suite	4	6
Penthouse	6	1

*All rooms have TV and DVD facilities

**Suites and Penthouse have two TV & DVDs

Prices

Room	Per Room Per Night (Mon-Thur)	Per Room Per Night (Fri-Sun)
Single	£40	£45
Double	£70	£80
Family	£100	£120
Suite	£95	£115
Penthouse	£205	£230

Deals

Date	Promotion
14 th February	All prices include free dinner for two
17 th – 19 th March (3 nights)	Half price (all rooms)
August Bank Holiday Weekend (3 nights)	Book two nights or more and get one night free

Opening Hours

Facility	Rooms used
Restaurant	7-11 (am), 12-2, 5.30-10.30
Bar	12pm – 2am
Reception	24 hours
Room Service	7.00am – 11.30pm

Standard Charges

Meal Time	Restaurant	Room Service
Breakfast	£4	£5.50
Lunch	£6.50	£8
Evening Meal	£12.00	£15.00

Mark your answers here
A, B, C or D

Part B	
ANSWER SHEET	
1	A B C D
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7	A B C D
8	A B C D
9	A B C D
10	A B C D
11	A B C D
12	A B C D

- How many televisions in total are in the hotel rooms?**
 - 89
 - 82
 - 96
 - 70
- How many hours per day is the hotel restaurant open?**
 - 14.5
 - 10
 - 12
 - 11
- Daily, the hotel has the capacity to accommodate how many people in total?**
 - 176
 - 170
 - 200
 - 206
- Assuming all the family rooms, double rooms and five of the single rooms are booked, how many additional guests can the hotel still accommodate?**
 - 44
 - 50
 - 76
 - 56
- How much would it cost to book two single rooms and three suites for the duration of the weekend 17th – 19th March?**
 - £607.50
 - £652.50
 - £562.50
 - £742.50
- What is the minimum price a group of six people would have to pay to stay at the hotel using any combination of the rooms on a week night?**
 - £210
 - £165
 - £120
 - £140
- Which of the following is true?**
 - The restaurant is open more hours than room service is available each day
 - To order breakfast via room service for seven days would cost £38.50
 - It is more expensive for two people to stay in a double room instead of two singles

- d. Guests staying over the August Bank Holiday weekend get a free dinner for two
8. What is the difference in the standard cost between eating in the restaurant for all three meal times in one day and ordering room service instead?
- £6
 - £5
 - £4
 - £3.50
9. How many people would be staying at the Hotel if all rooms were booked for the duration of the August Bank Holiday Weekend?
- 400
 - 175
 - 200
 - 225
10. What would be the total price if a couple booked a double room for the nights of 14th and 15th February and had dinner at the Hotel both nights?
- £188
 - £164
 - £104
 - £152
11. If the total cost of breakfasts served was £312 on any given day, how many people ordered breakfast in the Hotel restaurant?
- 68
 - 88
 - 78
 - 107
12. If a party of 8, are accommodated between a penthouse and a double room booked for the three nights of the August Bank Holiday, what would be the total price of their stay?
- £850
 - £700
 - £620
 - £930

ANSWERS TO THE PRACTICE QUESTIONS

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GIVE YOUR BEST PERFORMANCE

Don't be discouraged if you found the questions difficult or got many of them wrong. There are many things you can do to improve your performance. For instance you can:

- read books, newspapers and reports;
- do verbal puzzles and crosswords;
- play word games;
- study data presented in tables, charts and graphs.

FINALLY – BE PREPARED FOR THE TESTING SESSION

Before the session

- Get a good night's sleep before the test.
- Give yourself plenty of time to get to the session.
- If you wear glasses be sure to take them with you.

At the session

- Listen carefully to the instructions.
- Do exactly as you are told.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Read each question carefully before answering.
- Work quickly and accurately.
- Don't waste time on difficult questions.
- Try as hard as you can. The more questions you get right, the higher your score will be.

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