

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS ABOUT THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

As part of our selection procedure, applicants will be required to participate in a series of aptitude, problem solving and personality tests. These are designed to assess each applicant's suitability to undertake both the academic content of the Police Officer curriculum as well as to deal with the subsequent demands of the job. This process is one of the many important steps we take to ensure that those who are most suitable to this role are selected.

We are looking for the ability to satisfactorily complete our rigorous training course. In addition, this profession requires skills such as (but not limited to) excellent interpersonal skills, good judgement in working with people under normal and emergency situations, as well as strong teamwork ability. Please remember that this is an extremely competitive selection process.

If you should be selected to advance after the entrance examination, this does not guarantee employment with South Australia Police. This is because all of the other selection requirements must be met. Even then, we are obliged to select the most competitive people among those who meet all the criteria.

Applicants may only undertake the entrance examination once every 12 months. If you are unsuccessful in the entrance examination you will need to wait 12 months before submitting another application.

Sample Questions: Police Officer Ability Tests

This document provides sample questions of similar format and content.

READING ABILITY TEST

Sample Question 4 pertains to the passage below:

The population of Australia is now approximately 20 million. The majority of Australia's population lives in capital cities. Sydney is the most populous city, followed by Melbourne. Brisbane has the third largest population. Hobart and Darwin have the smallest populations of all capital cities.

Sample Question 1

Based on the information contained in the passage above, it can be safely assumed that the capital city of Adelaide has more people than"

- A. Brisbane
- B. Sydney.
- C. Hobart.
- D. Melbourne.

NUMERICAL ABILITY TEST

Sample Question 2

What is 95 minus 36?

- A. 61
- B. 63
- C. 55
- D. 59

Sample Question 3

You are travelling to the scene of an accident, and the traffic is terrible. Your average speed has slowed to 30 km/h. Assuming you still have another 10 km to travel, and your speed does not change, how long will it take?

- A. 10 minutes
- B. 20 minutes
- C. Half an hour
- D. An hour

WRITING ABILITY TEST

Sample Question 4

- A. Your good teamwork is vital to good job performance.
- B. You're good teamwork is vitale to good job performance.
- C. Your good teamworking is vital to good job performance.
- D. You're good teamwork is vital to good job performance.

Correct Answers:

Reading and Reasoning Ability Test	1.	C
Basic Arithmetic and Numeracy Test	2.	D
	3.	B
Written Language	4.	A

Suitability Profiling Sample Questions:

PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITY QUESTIONS

1. In the sample items below, the first word in each line is printed in capital letters. Opposite it are four other words. You will be asked to circle the *one word* which means the *same thing*, or most nearly the same thing, as the first word.

- (i) SMALL blue little noisy dry
- (ii) OBVIOUS abstract local sharp clear
- (iii) PUNITIVE weak rewarding retributive erroneous

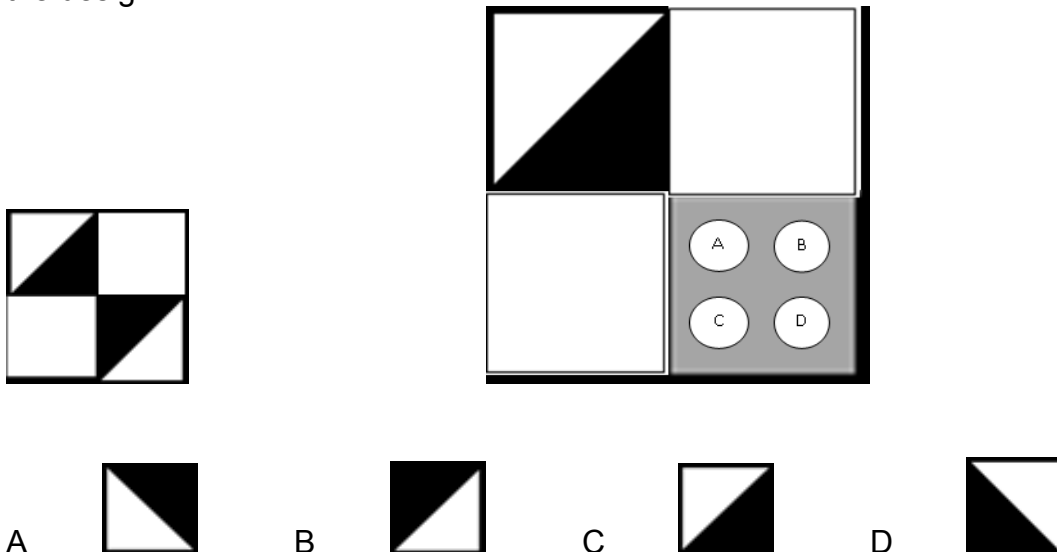
ANSWERS:

- (i) little
- (ii) clear
- (iii) retributive

2. There will also be questions where you are asked to fill complete some unfinished block patters from a series of multi-choice options.

EXAMPLE:

Show which block would go in the light grey shaded square to complete the design.



ANSWER:

B

PERSONALITY TESTING

Preferences

Here you will be given two statements which will be about things that you may or may not like, or about ways in which you may or may not feel. You will be asked to make a choice for every pair of statements. For example:

- A. I like to talk about myself to others.
- B. I like to work toward some goal that I have set for myself.

To answer this you need to consider which of these is more characteristic of what you like. You may like both. In this case you should choose the one that you like better. You may dislike both. In this case you should choose the one that you dislike less.

Here's another example:

- A. I feel sad when I fail at something.
- B. I feel nervous when giving a talk before a group.

You will be asked to choose which of these is most like the way that you feel now. Again, both may describe the way you feel. Your job will be to select the one which is most like you. If neither describes how you feel, choose the one which you consider is most like you.

OPINIONS ABOUT SOCIETY

Here you will be given two statements about aspects of life in our society. You will be asked to choose the one which you more strongly believe. For example:

- A. People tend to be successful mostly through working hard.
- B. People who achieve things in life are mainly those who tend to have good luck.

WORK PLACE PROCEDURES

Here you will be given some statements about what goes on in many work places. You'll be asked to indicate whether you agree, disagree or feel uncertain about the statement. Examples:

A agree **?** uncertain **DA** disagree

For most people, how much they get paid is the most important part of their job.

A **?** **DA**

If they put their mind to it, most people can learn how to do more than one job.

A **?** **DA**

YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY AND OPINIONS

Here you will be given a series of statements. You will be asked to indicate whether the statement is True or False as it applies to you. For example:

People who know me would usually say that I am pretty even tempered. **T F**

When I'm working I find that I get easily bored. **T F**