

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Unit 1:

**Principles of Working in the
Private Security Industry**

**Reduced Sample Assessment
Material (SAM) 2021**

UNIT 1

- 1 Which of these is a key purpose of the private security industry?
- A Regulate the security industry through licensing
 - B Provide personnel and appropriate protection systems for premises
 - C Set and approve standards of training within the security industry
 - D Determine powers of arrest for operatives

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

- 2 Which of these is a function of the Security Industry Authority (SIA)?
- A Monitor and respond to safety risks
 - B Set standards for training programmes
 - C Prevent and reduce waste
 - D Prevent unauthorised access to premises

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

- 3 A security operative is dealing with a customer query.
What quality should the security operative show to help the customer?
- A Impatience
 - B Aggression
 - C Passiveness
 - D Politeness

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

- 4 A number of city centre premises communicate through a shared radio link.
Which of these is a benefit of doing this for the organisations involved?
- A It increases competition between security companies
 - B It improves customer relationships
 - C It provides information regarding potential risks in the area
 - D It improves the physical security of vulnerable sites

(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

5 What is the purpose of assignment instructions?

- A Monitors activity on a site
- B Describes duties for a specific site
- C Provides details of visitors
- D Lists rates of pay

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

6 Which of these is a CCTV operator **not** allowed to record due to privacy issues?

- A Local parks
- B Passing vehicles
- C Government buildings
- D Changing rooms

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

7 What is the purpose of the Approved Contractor Scheme?

- A To raise standards
- B To punish offenders
- C To promote the use of private investigators
- D To increase competition between security companies

(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)

8 A security operative brings a civil case against a member of the public for causing them personal injury. What standard of proof will be needed to win this case?

- A Absolute assurance
- B Balance of probabilities
- C Even likelihood
- D Beyond reasonable doubt

(Total for Question 8 = 1 mark)

9 Which of these is an aim of the Private Security Industry Act?

- A To increase public awareness of crime
- B To encourage cooperation with the police
- C To provide equal access to training
- D To establish compulsory licensing

(Total for Question 9 = 1 mark)

10 A security organisation has recently employed a member of staff who uses a wheelchair. What **must** the organisation ensure in order to comply with equality legislation, before this member of staff begins their role?

- A That they are qualified for the role
- B That access arrangements to the building are suitable
- C That terms and conditions in their contract are adjusted
- D That they give a full account of their medical history

(Total for Question 10 = 1 mark)

11 Which of these is **not** a licensable role under the Private Security Industry Act?

- A Front desk receptionist
- B Key holder
- C Door supervisor
- D Close protection officer

(Total for Question 11 = 1 mark)

12 A security officer arrests an intruder on-site. Which of these should the security officer complete?

- A Visitor log
- B Police statement
- C Accident report
- D Risk assessment

(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)

13 A security operative has witnessed a serious assault. Under what circumstances should the security officer arrest the alleged offender?

- A When they have admitted the offence
- B When they have refused to identify themselves
- C When it is necessary to prevent escape
- D When the incident has been recorded on camera

(Total for Question 13 = 1 mark)

14 What information **must** a security operative give to a person they are detaining?

- A Names of witnesses
- B The reason for the arrest
- C Details of likely punishment
- D Details of the evidence against them

(Total for Question 14 = 1 mark)

15 A security operative has made an arrest. The police attend.

What should the security officer do?

- A Recommend a suitable penalty
- B Recommend follow up actions for the police
- C Photograph the crime scene
- D Assist the police with a written statement

(Total for Question 15 = 1 mark)

16 Building work is taking place on the premises where a security operative is present. What is the employer's responsibility in this situation?

- A To provide extra first aid equipment
- B To increase pay accordingly
- C To inform the Health and Safety Executive of continuing work
- D To provide personal protective equipment

(Total for Question 16 = 1 mark)



17 A security operative is working alone on a site. Which of the following is a risk in this situation?

- A** Reduced working hours
- B** Passive behaviour
- C** Boredom
- D** Ill-health

(Total for Question 17 = 1 mark)

18 Which of these is a common hazard for a security operative when searching bags?

- A** Overexertion
- B** Electric shock
- C** Sharp objects
- D** Violence

(Total for Question 18 = 1 mark)

19 How should a security operative reduce the risks of personal attack when working alone?

- A** By contacting friends whilst on duty
- B** By carrying self-defence weapons
- C** By wearing a personal alarm
- D** By ensuring they are trained in first-aid

(Total for Question 19 = 1 mark)

20 What colour is the background on a warning sign?

- A** Red
- B** Blue **C**
- Green **D**
- Yellow

(Total for Question 20 = 1 mark)

21 A security operative has been injured. Which of these situations is reportable under RIDDOR?

- A** The operative's injury was remedied with a plaster
- B** The operative requires eight days off work to recover
- C** The incident involved more than one person
- D** The accident occurred at home

(Total for Question 21 = 1 mark)

22 Which of these **must** be present for a fire to exist?

- A** A chemical chain reaction
- B** An electrical current
- C** A water source
- D** An incombustible material

(Total for Question 22 = 1 mark)

23 A security operative is on duty when they hear a fire alarm. What is the security operative's priority?

- A** To keep themselves from danger
- B** To extinguish the fire
- C** To report the alarm to maintenance staff
- D** To identify the class of the fire

(Total for Question 23 = 1 mark)

24 Which of these is a fire safety measure?

- A** Ensuring emergency exits are locked
- B** Preventing electrical sockets being overloaded
- C** Storing flammables near personnel
- D** Providing first aid facilities for staff

(Total for Question 24 = 1 mark)

25 Which class of fire involves flammable liquid?

- A** Class A
- B** Class B
- C** Class C
- D** Class D

(Total for Question 25 = 1 mark)

26 Which of these fire sources should a CO2 fire extinguisher be used on?

- A** Metal
- B** Wood
- C** Cooking oil
- D** Electrical socket

(Total for Question 26 = 1 mark)

27 An audible fire alarm is activated. What is the responsibility of a fire marshal when they hear this alarm?

- A** To prioritise the evacuation of managers
- B** To ensure that anyone with mobility difficulties is assisted
- C** To advise the fire brigade on what actions to take
- D** To ensure fire extinguishers are in the correct locations

(Total for Question 27 = 1 mark)

28 A security operative has discovered a fire and has activated the fire alarm. What should they do **next**?

- A** Search the area for the cause of the fire
- B** Retrieve all valuable documents
- C** Ensure the emergency services are contacted
- D** Look for a suitable fire extinguisher

(Total for Question 28 = 1 mark)

- 29** A security operative discovers a suspicious package. What action should they take **first**?
- A** Move the item to a safe location
 - B** Assess the weight by lifting the item gently
 - C** Call for assistance and secure the area
 - D** Cover the item and close all surrounding windows

(Total for Question 29 = 1 mark)

- 30** A security operative is witness to a personal injury. What details should they enter in the accident book?
- A** Witness statements
 - B** The telephone number of the emergency services
 - C** What caused the injury
 - D** What preventative measures should be put in place

(Total for Question 30 = 1 mark)

- 31** A security operative is new to a site. Why is it **most** important for them to recognise the fire evacuation principles?
- A** To complete their induction training
 - B** To be able to use fire-fighting equipment
 - C** To identify potential fire hazards
 - D** To know where the assembly point is

(Total for Question 31 = 1 mark)

- 32** Which of these is a feature of non-verbal communication?

- A** Stance
- B** Pitch
- C** Signs
- D** Tone

(Total for Question 32 = 1 mark)

33 A customer requests a telephone number and the security operative writes down the information. What is the importance of doing this?

- A It provides an effective service
- B It creates barriers
- C It reduces customer expectations
- D It shows knowledge

(Total for Question 33 = 1 mark)

34 A security operative is giving information to a customer who has learning difficulties. How should the security operative meet this customer's needs?

- A By using an authoritative tone
- B By adopting a patronising manner
- C By communicating using clear language
- D By exaggerating their natural inflection

(Total for Question 34 = 1 mark)

35 Which of these is an external customer for a security operative?

- A Visitor
- B Team member
- C Manager
- D Supervisor

(Total for Question 35 = 1 mark)

36 What is the importance of accurate record keeping?

- A It prevents discrimination
- B It reduces levels of stress
- C It is used for an effective handover
- D It is used to justify expenditure

(Total for Question 36 = 1 mark)

- 37** A security operative is finishing their shift and preparing a handover brief. Which of these should be included in the briefing?
- A** Details of expected deliveries
 - B** Recommendations for additional training
 - C** Opinion of organisational procedures
 - D** Advice on patrol techniques

(Total for Question 37 = 1 mark)

- 38** What information should be included in a handover report?
- A** Ideas for improvement to site security
 - B** Details of vulnerable areas found during the shift
 - C** Times external patrols were made during the shift
 - D** Details of when rest breaks are due

(Total for Question 38 = 1 mark)

- 39** A security operative working near a government building observes a group of individuals taking photographs of the security systems.
- What action should the security operative take?
- A** Challenge the individuals and confiscate their cameras
 - B** Activate the emergency alarm and evacuate the building
 - C** Report details to the Anti-Terrorist Hotline
 - D** Immediately turn off the systems

(Total for Question 39 = 1 mark)

- 40** Which of these is a likely indicator of terrorist activity?
- A** People supplying materials to a site
 - B** People with authorised access
 - C** People who maintain equipment on a site
 - D** People tampering with utilities

(Total for Question 40 = 1 mark)

41 Which of these instances is likely to indicate that a person is at risk of harm?

- A** They are receiving praise from others
- B** They are with their parents
- C** They are being intimidated by others
- D** They are with friends

(Total for Question 41 = 1 mark)

42 A victim of domestic violence approaches a security operative for advice in order to reduce the risk of further harm. What action should the security operative take?

- A** Suggest they contact a safe haven
- B** Offer to call them a licensed taxi
- C** Suggest they contact a manager
- D** Offer to speak with the aggressor

(Total for Question 42 = 1 mark)

43 What action should security operatives take when they are concerned a child is at risk of sexual exploitation?

- A** Publicise details to warn others
- B** Question the child to gather evidence
- C** Contact Police with details
- D** Warn the child to be careful in future

(Total for Question 43 = 1 mark)

44 How should a security operative address unacceptable behaviour?

- A** By adopting a threatening stance
- B** By speaking loudly and aggressively
- C** By being positive and assertive
- D** By using intimidating language

(Total for Question 44 = 1 mark)

45 A security operative has been involved in a violent incident, and is worried about returning to work. Why should they seek the support of their colleagues?

- A** To gain reassurance
- B** To recognise poor performance
- C** To establish their needs
- D** To diagnose the problem

(Total for Question 45 = 1 mark)

46 Why is it important to reflect on conflict situations?

- A** To defuse difficult encounters
- B** To recognise potential trends
- C** To overcome communication barriers
- D** To maintain working conditions

(Total for Question 46 = 1 mark)

47 Following a serious conflict incident, the security team meets to discuss experiences and share strategies it has used in the past to resolve such situations. Why is this important?

- A** To identify appropriate support that is available
- B** To gain credibility within the team
- C** To demonstrate competence
- D** To help prevent a reoccurrence of the problem

(Total for Question 47 = 1 mark)

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- The total marks for this reduced sample assessment is 47 marks.
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- Each question is worth 1 mark.
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1	B	1.1	(1)
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6	D	1.6	(1)
7	A	1.8	(1)
8	B	2.1	(1)
9	D	2.2	(1)
10	B	2.3	(1)
11	A	2.4	(1)
12	C	8.2	(1)
13	C	3.3	(1)
14	B	3.4	(1)
15	D	3.6	(1)
16	D	4.1	(1)
17	D	4.2	(1)
18	C	4.3	(1)
19	C	4.4	(1)
20	D	4.5	(1)

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26	D	5.5	(1)
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29	C	6.4	(1)
30	C	6.5	(1)
31	D	6.6	(1)
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34	C	7.5	(1)
35	A	7.5	(1)
36	C	8.1	(1)
37	A	8.2	(1)
38	B	8.3	(1)
39	C	9.3	(1)

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42	A	10.3	(1)
43	C	10.6	(1)
44	C	10.7	(1)
45	A	11.2	(1)
46	B	11.3	(1)
47	D	11.4	(1)

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