Police Initial Recruitment Test – What to expect

The PIR Test is used when people apply for jobs with Guernsey Police. These help to identify if the candidate has the 4 skills needed to do the job. This is conducted under an examination environment with each element allocated an amount of time.

PLEASE NOTE: *If you are in possession of 5 GCSE's (graded A*-C including Maths and English) or equivalent then you will not be required to undertake the written part of the assessment. Proof of these qualifications will need to be provided as part of your application, failure to do so will result in you attending the test.*

1. **Verbal Usage, the ability to spell words and construct sentences correctly.**

12 Minutes for 26 questions. 2 examples follow.

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One hundred officers_____ allocated for _____ control.

A	B	C	D	E
was	was	were	were	none of these
croud	crowd	croud	crowd	

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It is _____to bring your uniform to the training_____

A	B	C	D	E
necesary	necessary	necesary	necessery	none of these
centre	centre	center	center	

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2. **Checking, the ability to check information quickly and correctly noting errors.**

8 Minutes for 27 questions. Example:

A	B	C	D		A	B	C	D
Date	Name	Time	Ref. No		Date	Name	Time	Ref.No
12.1	Williams	13.30	2613		12 Feb	Williams	15.30	3612
3.8	Chan	07.29	5971		03 Aug	Chen	09.27	579
6.6	McCartney	22.01	4851		06 Jun	McCarthy	22.01	4851
22.9	Patel	10.42	2237		22 Aug	Patel	10.42	2337
30.11	Neilson	06.20	9246		30 Nov	Neilson	06.20	9246
18.10	Varless	09.36	7635		18 Oct	Virless	09.36	7635
3.7	Smith	14.20	6234		04 July	Smith	14.20	6994
4.9	Garcia	17.34	9767		04 Aug	Garca	18.42	8756
7.8	Mobley	20.12	3111		07 Aug	Mobley	20.12	3111
24.11	Barton	05.46	7763		24 Nov	Burton	07.46	7795

3. **Numerical reasoning, the ability to solve numerical problems with accuracy**

12 Minutes for 25 questions. 2 examples follow

A purse was found with one £5 note, four 20p coins, and five 2p coins. How much did the purse contain altogether?

A	B	C	D	E
£5.10	£5.22	£5.82	£5.85	**£5.90**

A car park has space for 220 cars per floor. How many cars can fit on 3 floors?

A	B	C	D	E
440	460	640	**660**	680

4. Verbal logical reasoning, the ability to reason logically when given facts about events

25 minutes for 31 questions. Example follows

Some time on the night of October 1st, the Copacabana Club was burnt to the ground. The police are treating the fire as suspicious.

The only facts known at this stage are:

- The club was insured for more than its real value.
- The club belonged to John Hodges.
- Les Braithwaite was known to dislike John Hodges.
- Between October 1st and October 2nd, Les Braithwaite was away from home on a business trip.
- There were no fatalities.
- A plan of the club was found in Les Braithwaite's flat.

A = TRUE   B = FALSE   C = IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

1=B, 2=C, 3=C, 4=A, 5=B

1. A member of John Hodges' family died in the blaze.

2. If the insurance company pays out in full, John Hodges stands to profit from the fire.

3. The flat where the plan was found is close to the club.

4. John Hodges could have been at the club when the fire took place.

5. There are definite grounds to arrest John Hodges for arson.

The Internet is a great source for Mock PIR tests
http://www.policemathstest.com/practice-test.html you can also practice by completing crosswords and number puzzles.