ONTARIO SECURITY GUARD PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

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Questions

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1. **Why are private investigators and loss prevention personnel not required to wear uniforms?**

   A. It is due to the covert nature of their activities

   B. They have a security license that allows them to not wear uniforms

   C. Their client allowed them too

   D. So they do not have to be called security guards

2. **What two licenses does a security guard need in order to work at a casino?**

   A. They need a Private Investigators & Security Guards Act and a Casino license

   B. They need a Private Security and Investigate Act and a Casino license

   C. They need a Private Security and Investigate Act and a Gaming Control Act license

   D. They need only need a Gaming Control Act, 1992 license as they only work in a Casino

3. **What are post standing orders?**

   A. Written orders that set out all emergency procedures

   B. Written rules which may include but are not limited to operational, procedural and administrative matters

   C. A list of things to do before you start your shift as a Security guard

   D. They are a set of orders included in the emergency measures plan

4. **It is the defense council's job to discredit any witness including a security guard's testimony**

   A. True

   B. False

   C. Situational

   D. Unknown

5. **While working as a Security Guard you are patrolling the perimeter of the property. You come across an apparent crime scene. What is the first thing you should do?**

   A. Cordon off the area, contain the scene, keep bystanders away and call for the police

   B. Call 911

   C. Identify witnesses, interview them and prevent them from leaving

   D. Put up caution tape, photograph the scene, draw diagrams and collect physical evidence

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6. Which of the following is a benefit of mobile patrol compared to foot patrol?

A. Greater ability to carry equipment

B. Greater ability to chase and catch fleeing criminals

C. Greater ability to closely assess the protected building

D. Greater ability to enforce parking laws

7. Under the Occupational and Safety Act what are one of the duties and obligations security guard must not follow?

A. Must report missing or defective equipment or protective safety devices

B. Must report workplace hazards to the employer or supervisor

C. Must not report any mislabeled or unlabeled containers at their sole discretion

D. Must use and/or wear the equipment protective devices or clothing the employer requires

8. What is the purpose of a vehicle log?

A. To maintain information of when it was taken out, taken in

B. Maintenance issues

C. Inspections

D. All of the above

9. While you are working at the security desk a woman tells you that she has just been sexually assaulted by someone known to you. What should you do to help her?

A. Listen to her patiently then suggest she call the police. Document the incident

B. Call the police on her behalf and relay the story to them

C. Do a search of the site until you find the person who assaulted her then assist her to make an arrest

D. Find a private area where she can write her report, and keep her safe until the police arrive

10. As a Security guard you are given a list of names and phone numbers by a client to call to see if you can get them to pay their outstanding bills owed to the client's company. As a Security guard is this a task you would be allowed to perform under the P.S.I.S.A.

A. Yes

B. No

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Answers

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1. A
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. A
7. C
8. D
9. D
10. B

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Explanations

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1. Why are private investigators and loss prevention personnel not required to wear uniforms?

A. It is due to the covert nature of their activities

B. They have a security license that allows them to not wear uniforms

C. Their client allowed them too

D. So they do not have to be called security guards

Private investigators and loss prevention personnel are not typically required to wear uniforms due to the covert nature of their activities. These professionals operate in a discreet and unobservable manner in order to efficiently carry out their tasks. Uniforms would make these individuals easily identifiable, which fundamentally contradicts the core essence of their roles. They need to blend into their environment and not draw attention to themselves, which aids them in gathering necessary information without alerting the people or environments they are investigating. Hence, the absence of a uniform acts as a tool that assists these professionals in maintaining a low profile as they conduct their investigative actions or loss prevention efforts.

2. What two licenses does a security guard need in order to work at a casino?

A. They need a Private Investigators & Security Guards Act and a Casino license

B. They need a Private Security and Investigate Act and a Casino license

C. They need a Private Security and Investigate Act and a Gaming Control Act license

D. They need only need a Gaming Control Act, 1992 license as they only work in a Casino

In Ontario, a security guard working at a casino would require two licenses. The first is a license under the Private Security and Investigative Services Act (PSISA). It is the provincial legislation that governs security guards, private investigators and similar roles in Ontario. This legislation ensures that anyone carrying out the responsibilities of a security guard or private investigator is properly trained and qualified. The second required license falls under the Gaming Control Act. This is necessary because security guards at casinos are often handling sensitive information related to gambling, and they may also be responsible for ensuring that all gambling activities occur in accordance with provincial regulations. The Gaming Control Act license enables the security guard to carry out their profession in a setting where gaming is the main activity, such as a casino. Thus, the correct answer for the licenses a security guard needs to work at a casino in Ontario are under the Private Security and Investigate Act and the Gaming Control Act.

3. What are post standing orders?

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B. Written rules which may include but are not limited to operational, procedural and administrative matters

C. A list of things to do before you start your shift as a Security guard

D. They are a set of orders included in the emergency measures plan

Post standing orders in the context of security guard operations are written directives that outline the expected behaviour and responsibilities of a security guard while on duty. These orders provide a comprehensive guide to cover all necessary operational, procedural, and administrative matters related to a security guard's job. They may include topics like, what to do in case of an incident, how to handle visitors, what reports need to be made and when, as well as the procedural order of tasks to be done during a regular shift. So, the correct answer is "Written rules which may include but are not limited to operational, procedural and administrative matters".

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4. It is the defense council's job to discredit any witness including a security guard's testimony

A. True

B. False

C. Situational

D. Unknown

The role of the defense counsel in any legal proceedings is to present the most effective case for their client. This involves scrutinizing evidence and challenging the credibility of witnesses called by the prosecution, including a security guard. The counsel does this to ensure that their client's case is presented in the best possible light, and also to ensure that due process is followed. So, it is indeed part of the defense counsel's job to try to discredit any witness, including a security guard's testimony, whenever it is necessary.

5. While working as a Security Guard you are patrolling the perimeter of the property. You come across an apparent crime scene. What is the first thing you should do?

A. Cordon off the area, contain the scene, keep bystanders away and call for the police

B. Call 911

C. Identify witnesses, interview them and prevent them from leaving

D. Put up caution tape, photograph the scene, draw diagrams and collect physical evidence

The priority for a security guard when encountering a potential crime scene is to secure the area to prevent contamination of potential evidence and ensure safety, whilst notifying the appropriate authorities. This can entail restricting access to the scene by cordoning off the area, and controlling the movement and interactions of bystanders who are present. Engaging the police, who are the authority equipped to handle crime scenes, is the next step. This way, the guard first ensures the safety and integrity of the crime scene and then passes the situation to professionals trained specifically for such scenarios. In contrast, other actions like interviewing witnesses and collecting evidence should be left to police officers, as these activities require specific legal and procedural knowledge.

6. Which of the following is a benefit of mobile patrol compared to foot patrol?

A. Greater ability to carry equipment

B. Greater ability to chase and catch fleeing criminals

C. Greater ability to closely assess the protected building

D. Greater ability to enforce parking laws

Mobile patrol refers to security services carried out on a vehicle, which significantly differs from foot patrol. The primary advantage of mobile patrol is the "Greater ability to carry equipment." When working as a mobile patrol officer, there is flexibility to carry necessary equipment and resources that might be physically challenging or impractical to carry while doing foot patrol. For instance, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, radios, tools, etc., that are crucial in responding to emergencies. Mobile patrols also facilitate rapid response to incidents or emergencies that occur on a larger property or across numerous sites, which would be time-consuming and exhausting on foot. This is why mobile patrols are widely used for large-scale properties like corporate campuses, shopping centers, and residential communities.

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D. Must use and/or wear the equipment protective devices or clothing the employer requires

The Occupational Health and Safety Act mandates employees, including security guards, to report all potential risks and hazards in the workplace to their employer or supervisor. This includes reporting any unlabeled or mislabeled containers. It is not up to a security guard's discretion to decide whether they should report these potential hazards. Therefore, the assertion that a security guard must not report any mislabeled or unlabeled containers at their sole discretion is incorrect according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The act is designed to prevent workplace accidents and illnesses, which is why it has a rule that requires these potential hazards to be reported. This reduces the chance of someone handling potentially harmful substances without understanding the potential risks.

8. What is the purpose of a vehicle log?

A. To maintain information of when it was taken out, taken in

B. Maintenance issues

C. Inspections

D. All of the above

A vehicle log serves multiple purposes in a professional setting, making choice D the correct answer. When a vehicle is used for business-related functions — such as transporting staff or materials, patrolling premises, or responding to incidents — maintaining a vehicle log is an essential practice. First, a log keeps track of when the vehicle was taken out and brought back in. This helps to monitor the vehicle's usage history, allocate the usage efficiently, and also can be useful in identifying unauthorized vehicle use. Second, a vehicle log helps track maintenance needs and issues. Regular maintenance of a vehicle is critical in ensuring its longevity and safety. If the vehicle experiences any problems or needs repairs, these are recorded in the vehicle log for servicing. Third, the log facilitates regular inspection of the vehicle. Regular inspections are crucial to ensure the vehicle is in good condition and safe for use. Any issues noted during the inspection are recorded in the vehicle log, forming a history of issues and how they were addressed. So, while each of the choices represent important aspects of a vehicle log, taken together they present a fuller understanding of its purpose. Hence, D is the correct answer - it combines all these elements.

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9. While you are working at the security desk a woman tells you that she has just been sexually assaulted by someone known to you. What should you do to help her?

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D. Find a private area where she can write her report, and keep her safe until the police arrive

Choosing to find a private area where the woman can write her report and ensuring her safety until the police arrive is the best course of action. This approach prioritizes the victim's comfort and emotional well-being by allowing her to discuss the incident in a confidential environment, which can reduce feelings of vulnerability and anxiety. Additionally, keeping her safe is crucial. A supportive presence can help her feel secure while waiting for the authorities. The rationale behind this choice is based on the principle of providing immediate assistance and acknowledging the trauma she has experienced, while also respecting her autonomy in how to proceed with the situation. Encouraging her to document her experience assists law enforcement in gathering clear and detailed accounts of the incident when they arrive. This response integrates both emotional support and practical safety measures, which is essential in such sensitive circumstances.

10. As a Security guard you are given a list of names and phone numbers by a client to call to see if you can get them to pay their outstanding bills owed to the client's company. As a Security guard is this a task you would be allowed to perform under the P.S.I.S.A.

A. Yes

B. No

The Private Security and Investigative Services Act (P.S.I.S.A.), under which security guards in Ontario operate, clearly sets out permissible activities for security guards. One of their key responsibilities is to protect persons and property. However, they are not allowed to perform tasks that are outside of these defined responsibilities. The task described - collecting outstanding bills from clients - does not fall under the scope of a security guard's tasks as set out by the P.S.I.S.A. This is typically a task for collections agencies or departments, not security guard services. Therefore, a security guard would not be allowed to perform this task under the Act. It is critically important for all security personnel to understand and strictly adhere to the limitations of their roles as defined by the law to maintain their professional integrity and comply with regulations.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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