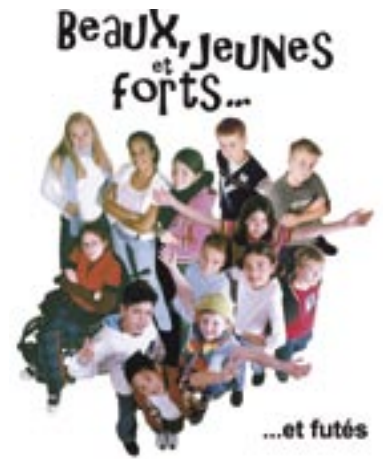




COMMANDER'S EXAM

SECONDARY I



Tell us if these statements are true or false.

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For safety's sake, you should never give your name, address, or phone number over the Internet. The only information that's safe to provide is your postal code.

True

False

Question 2

When someone shoplifts, besides being arrested and charged under the criminal code, they can also be charged in the civil courts by the store owner.

Question 3

Trying to kick someone counts as assault, even if you miss.

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The safest way to ride a bike is on the sidewalk.

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The nicotine in cigarettes only causes physical addiction.

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As you are walking home one evening you realize a stranger is walking behind you and you think he is following you. You should cross the street to figure out whether you are really being followed.



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ANSWERS

Question 1

For safety's sake, you should never give your name, address, or phone number over the Internet. The only information that's safe to provide is your postal code.

False. You should never give any information over the Internet that can be used to find you. Even though your postal code seems pretty safe, it could help someone figure out where you live. Don't forget that the Internet allows people to operate anonymously, so you can never really be certain who you are dealing with.

Question 2

When someone shoplifts, besides being arrested and charged under the criminal code, they can also be charged in the civil courts by the store owner.

True. Nowadays, most store owners choose to identify the shoplifter and make a claim for civil damages. If the delinquent is under 18, the claim can be transferred to the parents. Store owners may also make a complaint with the police at the same time.

Question 3

Trying to kick someone counts as assault, even if you miss.

True. Even if victim isn't actually kicked, there is what is called "culpable intent." The best way to resolve a conflict is with no violence, through dialogue or mediation.

Question 4

The safest way to ride a bike is on the sidewalk.

False. Sidewalks are reserved for pedestrians. Cyclists have to ride on the road, in the same direction as the cars, or better yet, on bicycle paths.

Question 5

With sufficient motive, the school office can have a student searched, along with their personal belongings and their locker.

True. The Supreme Court of Canada has established that school authorities can search a student and their personal belongings. In school, students cannot expect full protection of their privacy because the school authorities have the obligation to maintain a healthy environment for the other students. Besides, lockers are school property and can be searched at any time.

Question 6

"Prostitution" means having to sell your body to get drugs.

False. "Prostitution" means performing sexual acts in exchange for goods or services – in other words, for reasons other than your own sexual or emotional needs.

Question 7

The nicotine in cigarettes only causes physical addiction.

False. Besides the physical addiction (when the body adapts to the drug and then starts to "need" it to function), nicotine also causes psychological addiction (the smoker suffers a mental and emotional fixation on cigarettes). When smokers try to quit, they can have all sorts of physical and mental withdrawal symptoms.

Question 8

The main advantage of having an STM pass is that if you're late, you can just jump over the turnstile to get to the metro.

False. Even if you have a pass, you're not allowed to go over the metro turnstile. It's also against the rules to put your feet on the seats or lie down. The fine depends on the infraction, but if you are a minor, the limit is \$100.

Question 9

Kids who join street gangs mainly do it to get friends and commit crimes as a group.

False. Even though every young person is unique and their reasons for joining street gangs are personal, some reasons seem to be common. The desire to protect themselves, the desire to belong, the need for recognition, the need to be proud of themselves and the hope of making fast money are reasons shared by most young people who join street gangs. Sometimes the kids find what they were looking for in the gang, but they also find negative consequences that usually make them want to quit the gang after a while (not wanting to get mixed up in a serious crime, becoming aware of what could happen to them, moving, etc.).

Question 10

As you are walking home one evening you realize a stranger is walking behind you and you think he is following you. You should cross the street to figure out whether you are really being followed.

True. It is important to look out for your own safety. You should go to the nearest house or an open business or else call a taxi, a friend, your parents or the police. To avoid assault, you should also make sure not to take shortcuts through parks or vacant and unlit lots. You can also tell someone the route you plan to take and what time you can be expected to arrive.