

Gary W. Cordner: Police Administration, 10th Edition

Chapter 2

Test Bank

1. One explanation for the development of organized police forces in the early 1800s was the failure of the military to deal effectively with:
 - a. property crime
 - b. violent crime
 - c. civil disorder
 - d. drug smuggling

ANS: c

2. Since the 1800s, police work has gradually evolved in the direction of being more crime-focused because:
 - a. there is a lot more crime today
 - b. there is less disorder than there used to be
 - c. the public has less need of routine services than formerly was the case
 - d. the public's expectation that the police should prevent and fight crime has grown

ANS: d

3. Thinking of the police function mainly as law enforcement is misleading because:
 - a. what the police mainly do is hassle people
 - b. the police have discretion and often choose not to enforce the law
 - c. everybody breaks the law and most are never caught
 - d. the main duties of the police are social services that have nothing to do with the law

ANS: b

4. According to the Police Services Study conducted in 24 police agencies, the greatest proportion of police encounters with the public were related primarily to:
 - a. crime-related problems
 - b. disorder-related problems
 - c. traffic-related matters

- d. service-related matters

ANS: a

5. According to the most recent national study, police use force in _____ percent of their contacts with the public.
- a. less than 2
 - b. about 10
 - c. about 25
 - d. more than 50

ANS: a

6. When police agencies were first created in the 1800s, their main responsibility was investigating crimes.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANS: b

7. Police in the 1800s gave a lot of attention to enforcing traffic laws, including speed enforcement.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANS: b

8. Of the wide range of circumstances and situations that the police confront, they actually enforce the law rather infrequently.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANS: a

9. The police have the greatest amount of discretion in citizen-initiated law enforcement situations.
- a. True
 - b. False

ANS: b

10. The most common behavior that police engage in during encounters with the public is the use of force.

- a. True
- b. False

ANS: b

11. When did the role of police officers become more centered around criminal apprehension and crime investigation rather than the maintenance of order?

- a. 1980s and 1990s
- b. late 1800s
- c. 1950s and 1960s
- d. 1920s

ANS: c

12. Police patrolling was expected to deter crime by creating a sense of police _____.

- a. control
- b. surveillance
- c. omnipresence
- d. all of the above

ANS: c

13. Which of the following was not one of the reasons for police duties changing from mostly order maintenance to crime fighting?

- a. The police sought professional status.
- b. The media influenced the public's perception of police work.
- c. The police became less influenced by community norms and more influenced by legal norms.
- d. Crime rates increased during the reform era

ANS: d

14. Which of the following was not one of the major duties of police officers in the 1800s?

- a. watching for fires

- b. investigating thefts
- c. controlling alcoholics and vagrants
- d. inspecting businesses and taverns

ANS: b

15. A primary skill of policing is effective communication.

- a. True
- b. False

ANS: a