Chapter 1
Police and Society

Multiple Choice

1. One of the most enduring myths about policing is that police officers
   a. are crime fighters.
   b. prevent crime.
   c. address society's problems.
   d. use force to achieve their goals.
   Answer: A

2. One of the most important factors shaping the police role is
   a. preventing crime.
   b. community policing.
   c. the authority to use force.
   d. the ability to act as a social control.
   Answer: C

3. In the context of policing, one of the recommendations made by the President's Task Force is to
   a. increase the number of arrests made per year by 15 percent.
   b. ensure that quotas for the number of traffic tickets are met every year.
   c. promote the "warrior" mindset rather than the "guardian" mindset among police officers.
   d. make official policies and procedures publicly available.
   Answer: D

4. Identify a true statement about the appointment of police officials in the United States.
   a. Mayors appoint police chiefs.
   b. The president of the United States appoints the head of state police agencies.
   c. The Supreme Court directly appoints the directors of federal law enforcement agencies.
   d. The vice president of the United States appoints county sheriffs.
   Answer: A

5. Which of the following is an example of procedural justice?
   a. A police officer gives an offender a traffic ticket for reckless driving.
   b. A police officer explains to a driver why he has to search the driver's car.
   c. A police officer arrests an offender for possessing illegal drugs.
   d. A police officer shows a group of children how to fasten a seat belt in a car during a training session.
   Answer: B
6. One police practice that offends the public and undermines the trust and legitimacy of police officers is
   a. the use of semi-automatic pistols in police raids.
   b. the requirement of police officers to make a certain number of arrests per year.
   c. the use of undercover cops in monitoring terrorist activities in the country.
   d. the employment of a higher number of police officers in urban areas than in rural areas.
   Answer: B

7. In the context of policing, which of the following statements is true about de-escalation?
   a. It involves an overly lenient style of policing.
   b. It should be used when there is a clear threat of a physical attack on a police officer.
   c. It avoids unnecessary use-of-force incidents.
   d. It is mostly used by police officers who want to overpower and repress violators.
   Answer: C

8. When police officers conduct stops, searches, and arrests based on the race and ethnicity of people, they are most likely violating the _____ of the U.S. Constitution.
   a. Fifth Amendment
   b. Nineteenth Amendment
   c. Fifteenth Amendment
   d. Fourteenth Amendment
   Answer: D

9. A police officer regularly arrests people from ethnic minorities in his community regardless of their role in any criminal activity. This is an example of
   a. redlining.
   b. nepotism.
   c. racial profiling.
   d. omission bias.
   Answer: C

10. Which of the following statements is true about totalitarian societies?
    a. Police primarily follow the dictates of the supreme ruler.
    b. People have control over law enforcement agencies.
    c. Power is distributed equally among government officials.
    d. People can directly elect government officials.
    Answer: A

11. Which of the following statements is true of police officers adopting the "warrior" mindset of policing?
    a. Police officers typically de-escalate encounters to offset the presence of a physical threat in a situation.
    b. Police officers are more likely to take independent decisions.
c. Police officers actively interact with community members and take a proactive approach to policing.
d. Police officers tend to view the members of the public as the "enemy."
Answer: D

12. Veronica says that the police officer who arrested her for drunk driving did not give her adequate explanation for detaining and arresting her. She says that the police officer was also impolite in his conduct. Which of the following statements is true about this scenario?
a. Veronica was denied distributive justice.
b. Veronica most likely feels that she was denied procedural justice.
c. The police officer who arrested her regularly employs racial profiling.
d. The police officer adopted the "guardian" mindset of policing.
Answer: B

13. De-escalation is the least useful when
   a. use of force is unnecessary.
   b. police officers outnumber the violators in an encounter.
   c. there is a clear threat of a physical attack on a police officer.
   d. police officers adopt the military style of policing.
Answer: C

14. Some police officers regularly stop, search, and arrest African Americans more frequently than white Americans. This is an example of
   a. systematic bias.
   b. the halo effect.
   c. the spotlight effect.
   d. self-serving bias.
Answer: A

15. The emphasis on crime fighting creates unrealistic public expectations about the ability of the police to
   a. catch criminals and prevent crime.
   b. provide successful community policing.
   c. correct family problems and prevent domestic violence.
   d. reduce gang violence in major cities.
Answer: A

16. Movies and television shows strengthen the impression that the police are highly successful in solving crimes, when in fact only _____ percent of all reported Index crimes are solved.
   a. 15
   b. 20
   c. 25
   d. 30
Answer: B
17. The reality of policing is that the police play an extremely
   a. civil role in society.
   b. community-oriented role in working with juveniles.
   c. complex role by dealing with the social issues of crime.
   d. aggressive role in dealing with gangs and drugs.
   Answer: C

18. As a result of the crime-fighter image of the police, police officers
   a. tend to engage more in de-escalation.
   b. avoid the use of force in most encounters.
   c. feel encouraged to adopt a "warrior" mindset.
   d. tend to conceal use-of-force incident information from the public.
   Answer: C

19. What is the community policing movement attempting to accomplish?
   a. to reduce the overall crime rate
   b. to improve neighborhood conditions
   c. to restore and develop the citizen role as coproducers of police services
   d. to improve satisfaction with police services by reducing the response time to calls
      for service
   Answer: C

20. What does our political system ensure where the police are concerned?
   a. policing power and authority
   b. public control and accountability of the police
   c. fair allocation of monetary resources
   d. prosecution of the arrests made by the police
   Answer: B

21. Herman Goldstein developed POP. This stands for
   a. police operations procedure.
   b. pals of police.
   c. problems of policing.
   d. problem-oriented policing.
   Answer: D

22. Which of the following statements is true about problem-oriented policing?
   a. It is the least popular form of policing.
   b. It involves aggregating multiple problems into a single problem.
   c. It is a proactive approach of responding to crime and disorder.
   d. It is ineffective in identifying recurring problems.
   Answer: C

23. What percentage of all Index crimes are cleared or solved?
   a. 20 percent
b. 30 percent
c. 40 percent
d. 60 percent
Answer: A

24. In the Police Service Study (PSS), the researchers found that _____ percent of the total calls for police services involved a violent crime.
   a. 20
   b. 15
   c. 10
   d. 2
   Answer: D

25. Herman Goldstein developed the concept of
   a. community policing.
   b. team policing.
   c. problem-oriented policing.
   d. police-community relations.
   Answer: C

26. The Chicago Alternative Police Strategy is a type of
   a. community policing.
   b. team policing.
   c. problem-oriented policing.
   d. police-community relations.
   Answer: A

27. Which of the following groups creates the myth of the crime-fighter police officer?
   a. the movies
   b. television shows about cops
   c. the news media
   d. All of the answers are correct.
   Answer: D

28. Egon Bittner argues that the capacity to use _____ is the defining feature of policing.
   a. the media
   b. coercive force
   c. persuasion in times of stress
   d. guns
   Answer: B

**True/False**

29. Police in totalitarian societies are governed by the rule of law.
   a. True
   b. False
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Answer: B

30. A basic strategy for holding individual officers and departments accountable for their use of force is the collection and analysis of data on use-of-force incidents.
   a. True
   b. False
   Answer: A

31. In the context of policing, unconscious bias involves acting on the basis of deeply embedded stereotypes about racial or ethnic groups.
   a. True
   b. False
   Answer: A

32. Most police work can be described as order maintenance or peacekeeping.
   a. True
   b. False
   Answer: A

33. The majority of all Index crimes are not solved with an arrest.
   a. True
   b. False
   Answer: A

34. Procedural justice helps in promoting law-abiding behavior in communities.
   a. True
   b. False
   Answer: A

35. The crime-fighter image of police officers encourages police officers to adopt de-escalation tactics on a regular basis.
   a. True
   b. False
   Answer: B

36. A model of policing that stresses a two-way working relationship between the community and the police, in which the police become more integrated into the local community and citizens assume an active role in crime control and prevention, is called team policing.
   a. True
   b. False
   Answer: B

37. De-escalation specifically involves a permissive style of policing.
   a. True
   b. False
38. A crisis intervention team (CIT) training can be seen as a form of problem-oriented policing.
   a. True
   b. False
   Answer: A

**Essay**

39. What are the ways in which police officers can build accountability for their actions in their community?

40. How can police officers maintain accountability for their actions?

41. How can openness and transparency help police officers build trust and legitimacy?

42. What is respectful policing, and how does it affect the accountability and legitimacy of the actions of police officers?

43. What is crisis intervention team (CIT) training?

44. How can evidence-based programs aid policing?

45. Write a general essay on the concept of problem-oriented policing, making sure to mention its author and its basic principles and functions.