

Part 4

Questions 27 to 32 are based on a newspaper report about a policeman's criminal misconduct.

Six sentences have been removed from the report. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (27 to 32). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

A French police officer who used to work for Direction Générale de la Sécurité Intérieure (DGSI) or the General Directorate for Internal Security – a French intelligence agency – was arrested for selling confidential police data on the dark web in exchange for Bitcoin. 27 The officer was also charged with counter-espionage, counter-terrorism, countering cybercrime and surveillance of potentially threatening groups, organisations, and social phenomena. The newspaper, *Le Parisien* said that it obtained a statement of one of the clients of the arrested French police officer.

Investigators said that Haurus claimed he could get the bank statement of an account holder in exchange for the holder's mobile number and €30. Haurus also reportedly claimed that he could supply details such as an individual's civil status information. 28 The investigators suspect that he could have stolen confidential police files to which he already had access, and later sold on the dark web.

29 The officer also reportedly posted advertisements offering to share the location of a mobile device using just the victim's phone number. On top of it, Haurus also posted advertisements on the dark web that offered to notify dark web criminals. 30

The illegal activities were first tracked down by the judicial police. 31 Using the personal code that every French officer is provided, the internal security investigators were able to zero in on the real identity of the corrupt officer. This code allows the authorities to track the origin of a file query and monitor the history.

32 It is still unclear as to how much jail time Haurus is expected to get. However, violation by a state agency is punishable up to seven years' imprisonment.

(Source: <https://cyware.com/news>)

- A Then, further investigations were conducted by the internal security service of the DGSI.
- B Haurus was charged on September 26 and arrested two days later.
- C French authorities refrained from releasing the officer's name but said that he operated using the username 'Haurus' on the dark web market known as the "Black Hand".
- D In addition, he also gave out social security and vehicle registration details depending on the amount of money offered.
- E He leaked out what information the French police had on them and whether they were being tracked.
- F He was not caught immediately.
- G The sensitive information reportedly aided cybercriminals in conducting many illegal activities, such as selling weapons and drug trafficking.
- H Haurus was caught because one of the criminals leaked his identity.