

Unit 1. Test 3.

Read the text.

The name Scotland Yard invokes the image of a foggy London street being patrolled by a detective in a trench coat puffing smoke from his pipe. Neither in Scotland, nor in a yard, it is the name of the headquarters of London's Metropolitan Police and, by association, has become synonymous with the force. The Yard doesn't serve the city either, but instead the Greater London area.

The London police force was created in 1829 by Home Secretary Sir Robert Peel. The new police superseded the old system of watchmen. By 1839 these men had replaced the Bow Street Patrols, who enforced the decisions of magistrates, and the River Police, who worked to prevent crime along the Thames.

The responsibility of organizing the new police force was placed on Colonel Charles Rowan and Richard Mayne, who occupied a private house at 4 Whitehall Place, the back of which opened onto a courtyard: the Great Scotland Yard. The Yard's name was inspired by its site, a medieval palace which housed Scottish royalty on their visits to London.

The staff of Scotland Yard was responsible for the protection of important individuals, community patrols, public affairs, recruitment and personnel management. The force's role in several important cases, and the charisma of many of its detectives, helped it win the people's trust.

In 1877 Howard Vincent reorganized Scotland Yard, strengthening its central unit. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID), a respected unit of plainclothes police detectives, was born.

At the turn of the century the force moved to its new building on the Victoria Embankment. The premises became known as New Scotland Yard.

Scotland Yard has always held a place in popular culture. The officers have appeared frequently as characters of mystery stories. On television and in magazines today, Scotland Yard "bobbies" can be found standing behind the royal family and other dignitaries that they are assigned to protect.

In 1967, the force moved once again to its present location, a modern 20-story building near the Houses of Parliament. The CID has become well-known for its investigative methods, primarily its fingerprinting techniques, which have been borrowed by the FBI. Today, Scotland Yard has about 30,000 officers patrolling 620 square miles occupied by 7.2 million citizens (from <http://www.smithsonianmag.com>)

1. Answer the questions:

What police force is Scotland Yard associated with?

• Where does this name come from?

• What are the duties of Met's officers?

• Who are these people? What is their role in the history of Scotland Yard?

-Robert Peel

-Charles Rowan and Richard Mayne

-Howard Vincent

• What is CID? What is it known for?

• How many officers work in Scotland Yard?

2. Mark if the sentences are true or false:

More than seven million people live in London.

- A) True
- B) False

Sir Robert Peel lived near the palace of Scottish kings.

- A) True
- B) False

The territory of London is about 600 km2

- A) True
- B) False

The headquarters of the Scotland Yard are at Victoria Embankment.

- A) True
- B) False

CID officers don't wear a uniform.

- A) True
- B) False

The Met guards only the City of London area.

- A) True
- B) False