

Tapescripts

PRACTICE TEST 1

SECTION 1

R = Receptionist
W = Woman
P = Police Officer

- R: Good evening, City Police Station. Can I help you?
W: Oh hello, I'd like to report a stolen briefcase, please. *Example*
R: Just a minute and I'll put you through.
Repeat
P: Lost property. Can I help you?
W: Oh, yes. I've had my briefcase stolen.
P: OK ... I'll take some details ... Tell me what it looks like, first of all.
W: Well ... it's a soft leather one, you know, not a heavy box-type like a man's.
P: Mmm ... and how does it close?
W: It's got buckles at the front ... two of them They're gold-plated ones. *Q1*
P: Fine ... Was it locked?
W: No, I'm afraid not.
P: Never mind. Any distinguishing features?
W: Pardon?
P: Any marks or badges on it that make it stand out?
W: Only the brand name.
P: And where's that?
W: It's on the back ... at the bottom in the left-hand corner. It's Sagi. Oh and there's a scratch ... it's quite bad but small ... directly above the brand name. I did it recently putting it on my bike. *Q2*
P: Right, got that. So, what did you have inside the briefcase?
W: Well all my papers from college. It's so frustrating but, thank goodness for computers, I haven't lost them completely!
P: Yes, you're lucky.
W: I had my wallet in my pocket so I didn't lose that but there were also my pens which I got for my birthday and a novel I was planning to read on the train. *Q3*
P: Right. Where exactly did you lose the briefcase?
W: Well ... I couldn't believe it. I was standing on the platform ... it was right next to me.
P: You were holding it?
W: I'd just put it down on the floor but I could almost feel it beside me. I was watching for my tram because sometimes it comes early and then next time I looked, my briefcase wasn't there. *Q4*
P: And what time was this?
W: Ah ... it was ... it must have been about 5.20 ... no a bit later I'd say 5.30 *Q5*

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because it was just getting crowded and the train normally comes at about twenty-five to six.

P: Right, if you'll just give me some personal details ...

W: Yes.

P: What name is it?

W: I'm Mary Prescott.

P: Can you spell that?

W: Yes, it's P-R-E-S-C-O-T-T.

Q6

P: And your address?

W: Flat 2, 41, Fountain Road, Canterbury.

Qs 7 and 8

P: Fountain Road.

W: Yes, number 41.

P: And have you got a contact telephone number?

W: Yes, it's 7-5 double 2-3-9.

P: 7-5-double 239. Fine. One last question — what would you say the value of Q9 your briefcase is?

W: Including the contents?

P: Yes, Just a rough estimate is fine.

W: I'm not sure. Well, the briefcase itself is quite new; I bought it last month for £40. I suppose about £65. The contents are worth about 20 or 25 pounds at least.

Q10

P: That's fine. Well, if you could come down to the station tomorrow, you can sign this form and have a look at what we've got here.

W: OK, thanks. 'Bye.

P: Goodbye.