

Observation and Memory Section Preparation

These activities can be done in the weeks leading up to the written test to prepare for the Observation and Memory Section:

1. Know your subject. You'll notice more if you understand it.
2. Slow down and look outwards. Use **mindfulness** to focus your attention on your surroundings.
 1. Mindfulness meditation. Sit in a relaxed position but focus on your breathing. Pay attention to how it feels, listen to the sound of your breath and feel your chest expand and contract. If distracting thoughts arise, realize you are distracted and bring your attention back to your breathing. Do this for one minute.
 2. Observe the environment. Look at the images on the exam and really concentrate on that image. Notice the details and what is different from the other images. Notice the facts that stand out as unique.
 3. Slow Down. Concentrate on completing one task and one question at a time to the best of your ability. If you get distracted, don't feel guilty but redirect your attention back to the task or the question.
 4. Pay attention to routine tasks. Simply pay attention to the details of the task. For example, feel the paper between your fingers, experience the sensation of filling in the bubble on the scantron, and you will feel more positive about the task once you have completed it.
3. Try something new. Skip a difficult question you might be stuck on and come back to it later.
4. Challenge yourself to a mental workout. A smarter, more agile brain will help you to observe with greater insight. Practice developing your memory in the upcoming weeks to the examination.
5. Test your observation by playing a memory game. Describe a photograph, or list everything in the room you're in right now without looking. And remember, practice makes perfect! When you are observant, you use your senses to examine something that you're curious about, and you evaluated what you experience. "Observing" is not the same thing as "seeing". "Seeing" is passive. Observation is a process of paying attention, intently and actively, so that you can gather specific information to assess.
6. Record and consider your observations. Go beyond the things you see. Note down the smells and sounds you experience too.
7. Stay inquisitive! Question and analyze your observations. Doing this will add value to your work.

Sample Questions

Look at the following four images for 10 minutes and then answer the questions. You may NOT look at the images for reference once your 10 minute study time is over.



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Wanted Person



Name: Siegel, Benjamin
Race: White Sex: Male
DOB: 2/28/1906
Height:
Weight:
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
ID No.:
LKA: Beverly Hills, CA

Siegel could have been wanted for any number of mafia related crimes from the 1920's through the 1940's up to an including murder. However he had the unfortunate fate of being shot to death in a Beverly Hills, CA home of his girlfriend on June 20, 1947.

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MILITARY POLICE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORT												PM ACTIVITY CODE/REPORT NO.	
For use of this form see AR 190-45 the proponent agency is Office of The Provost Marshal General													
DATE OF ACCIDENT		TIME (USE 2400 HOUR)		DAY OF COLLISION		☐ SUNDAY ☒ MONDAY ☐ TUESDAY ☐ WEDNESDAY ☐ THURSDAY ☐ FRIDAY ☐ SATURDAY							
YR 77 MO 04 DAY 30 TIME 2315 HRS													
MILITARY RESERVATION		ROAD OR STREET ON WHICH ACCIDENT OCCURRED		NAME AND LOCATION OF MILITARY RESERVATION, CITY, STATE, ETC.									
☒ ON ☐ OFF		THOMAS ST.		FT BLANK, AL 36201									
AT INTERSECTION		NAME OF INTERSECTING STREET		NOT AT INTERSECTION		NAME OF NEAREST INTERSECTING ST. HIGHWAY, OR OTHER PERMANENT IDENTIFYING LANDMARK				NO. OF FEET		DIRECTION	
N/A		N/A		38TH ST.		25				W			
IF ACCIDENT OCCURRED OFF MILITARY RESERVATION AND OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS INDICATE MILES ☐ N ☐ S ☐ E ☐ W FROM ☐ CITY LIMITS ☐ CENTER OF CITY OR TOWN ☐ OTHER													
KIND OF LOCALITY ☐ TROOP BILLET ☐ RESIDENTIAL ☐ MFG OR INDUST ☒ SCHOOL OR PLAYGROUND ☐ BUSINESS													
TYPE ACCIDENT		☒ VEHICLE-VEHICLE ☐ VEHICLE-PEDICYCLE ☐ STOLEN VEHICLE ☐ OTHER ☐ VEHICLE-OBJECT ☐ VEHICLE-RR TRAIN ☐ SINGLE VEHICLE (NON COLLISION) ☐ VEHICLE PEDESTRIAN ☐ HIT & RUN				TOTAL NO. OF VEHICLES INVOLVED		SEVERITY					
						2		☐ NO KILLED ☐ NO INJURED ☒ PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY					
VEHICLE 1		VEHICLE 2		VEHICLE 3		VEHICLE 4		VEHICLE 5		VEHICLE 6		VEHICLE 7	
DRIVING LANE		CHAR. ACTER		SURFACE		CONDITIONS		DEFECTS		WEATHER		LIGHT	
ONE		STRAIGHT		CONCRETE		DRY		HOLE, RUTS, BUMPS, ETC.		CLEAR		DAYLIGHT	
TWO		CURVE		BLACK TOP		WET		LOOSE MATERIAL ON SURFACE		RAIN		DAWN	
THREE OR MORE		LEVEL		BRICK		MUD		DEFECTIVE SHOULDER		FOG		DUSK	
DIVIDED HIGHWAY		OR GRADE		GRAVEL		SNOW		NO DEFECTS		SNOWING		DARK ST. LIGHTS	
OTHER		OTHER		OTHER		OTHER		OTHER		OTHER		DARK NO ST. LIGHTS	
VEHICLE 1		VEHICLE 2		VEHICLE 3		VEHICLE 4		VEHICLE 5		VEHICLE 6		VEHICLE 7	
STOP & GO SIGNAL		FLASHING LIGHT		WARNING SIGN		ONE WAY STREET		SOLID CENTER LINE		STOP SIGN		OTHER (EXPLAIN)	
NO TRAFFIC SIGNAL		OFFICER OR WATCHMAN		NO TRAFFIC SIGNAL		NO TRAFFIC SIGNAL		NO TRAFFIC SIGNAL		NO TRAFFIC SIGNAL		NO TRAFFIC SIGNAL	
USA REGISTRATION OR LICENSE NO.		MAKE		YEAR		BODY TYPE		USA REGISTRATION OR LICENSE NO.		MAKE		YEAR	
CRB 847 (AL)		CHEV		74		CAMARO 2 DOOR		69-7326 (GA)		MERCURY		72	
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BH 543 (RED)		PERCY, CLYDE F. 556		CH 347 (GREEN)		N/A		CH 347 (GREEN)		N/A		CH 347 (GREEN)	
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AGE		SEX		AGE		SEX		AGE		SEX		AGE	
18		☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE		36		☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE		36		☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE		36	
DRIVER'S LICENSE/PERMIT NUMBER		STATE		DRIVER'S LICENSE/PERMIT NUMBER		STATE		DRIVER'S LICENSE/PERMIT NUMBER		STATE		DRIVER'S LICENSE/PERMIT NUMBER	
0-43861524		AL.		8-343-5373-7243		GA.		8-343-5373-7243		GA.		8-343-5373-7243	
LIMITATIONS ON LICENSE/PERMIT		DRIVING EXPERIENCE (YEARS)		LIMITATIONS ON LICENSE/PERMIT		DRIVING EXPERIENCE (YEARS)		LIMITATIONS ON LICENSE/PERMIT		DRIVING EXPERIENCE (YEARS)		LIMITATIONS ON LICENSE/PERMIT	
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NAME AND ADDRESS													
BROWN, SALLY S, SAME AS DRIVER #2													
VEH. NO. 2 AGE 34 SEX F DATE GORY E INJURY A SEAT BELT 0 SEAT POS 1													
NAME AND ADDRESS													
N/A													
PEDESTRIAN WAS GOING: ☐ N ☐ S ☐ E ☐ W ALONG/ACROSS/INTO (STREET, ROAD OR HIGHWAY):													
FROM ON W TO SW CORNER, OR EAST TO WEST SIDE, ETC. TO:													
CROSSING WITH SIGNAL CROSSING NO SIGNAL STANDING ON ROADWAY WALKING IN ROAD AGAINST TRAFFIC													
CROSSING AGAINST SIGNAL HITCHING ON VEHICLE COMING FROM BEHIND PARKED CAR WALKING IN ROAD WITH TRAFFIC													
CROSSING NOT AT INTERSECTION PLAYING ON ROADWAY PUSHING OR WORKING ON VEHICLE OTHER													
NAME AND ADDRESS													
SMITH HARRY Q, SP4, 274-38-4014 COB, 360 INF, FT. BLANK AL. 36201													
TELEPHONE NUMBER													
734-6410													
(1) CATEGORY (2) INJURY CLASS (3) SHOULDER/LAP BELTS (4) SEAT POSITION													
A. ARMY OFFICER B. ARMY ENLISTED C. OTHER SERVICE OFFICER D. OTHER SERVICE ENLISTED E. CIVILIAN F. DEPENDENT G. OTHER													
A. NO INJURY B. DEAD AT SCENE C. DEAD ON ARRIVAL D. DIED IN HOSPITAL E. INCAPACITATING INJURY F. NON-INCAP (EVIDENT) INJURY G. POSSIBLE INJURY H. INJURY UNKNOWN													
A. LAP BELT USED B. SHOULDER HARNES USED C. BOTH USED D. NOT USED E. SHOULDER HARNES FAILED F. LAP BELT FAILED G. BOTH FAILED H. UNKNOWN													
1. OTHER POSITION (BUS, MOTORCYCLE) 2. POSITION UNKNOWN													

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Sheriff's Department
Marshall County Minnesota

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No. 79/405

INVESTIGATION REPORTS

Person Reporting:

VAL JOHNSON	
Res. Address	Res. Phone
OSLO, MN	695-5281
Bus. Address	Bus. Phone
MARSHALL CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT.	745-5411
Owner if Other Than Person Reporting:	
MARSHALL CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT.	
Address:	
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, Warren, Mn. 56762	
Res. Phone	Bus. Phone
	745-5411
Offense:	
Theft Loss Value:	

Classification:

PIMV (Pass. Vehicle & all others)	
Date of Occurrence:	Time:
08-27-79	0140-0219 am
Place of Occurrence:	
1.10 mi. South of Co. #5 on Hwy #220	
Report Received By:	
Date Received:	Time:
08-27-79	0219 am
How Reported:	
() In Person () Phone () On View Other <u>radio</u>	
Report Investigated By:	
DENNIS BREKKE AND EVERETT DOOLITTLE	
Damage Loss Value:	

DETAILS:

SYNOPSIS: PATROL VEHICLE 407 ON PATROL IN THE NORTHWEST AREA OF MARSHALL COUNTY, NOTICED A LIGHT AND UPON GOING TO INVESTIGATE, SAID VEHICLE WAS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT WITH AN UNKNOWN OBJECT.

INVESTIGATION:

08-27-79

0225, ON OR ABOUT, THIS OFFICER WAS NOTIFIED AT HIS RESIDENCE THAT DEPUTY SHERIFF VAL JOHNSON HAD CALLED IN A 10-88 (OFFICER NEEDS HELP). THEREAFTER, THIS OFFICER CALLED THE SHERIFF (401-DENNIS BREKKE) AND PICKED HIM UP AND WERE ENROUTE TO SAID LOCATION. AN AMBULANCE FROM STEPHEN, MN. HAD ALREADY BEEN DISPATCHED.

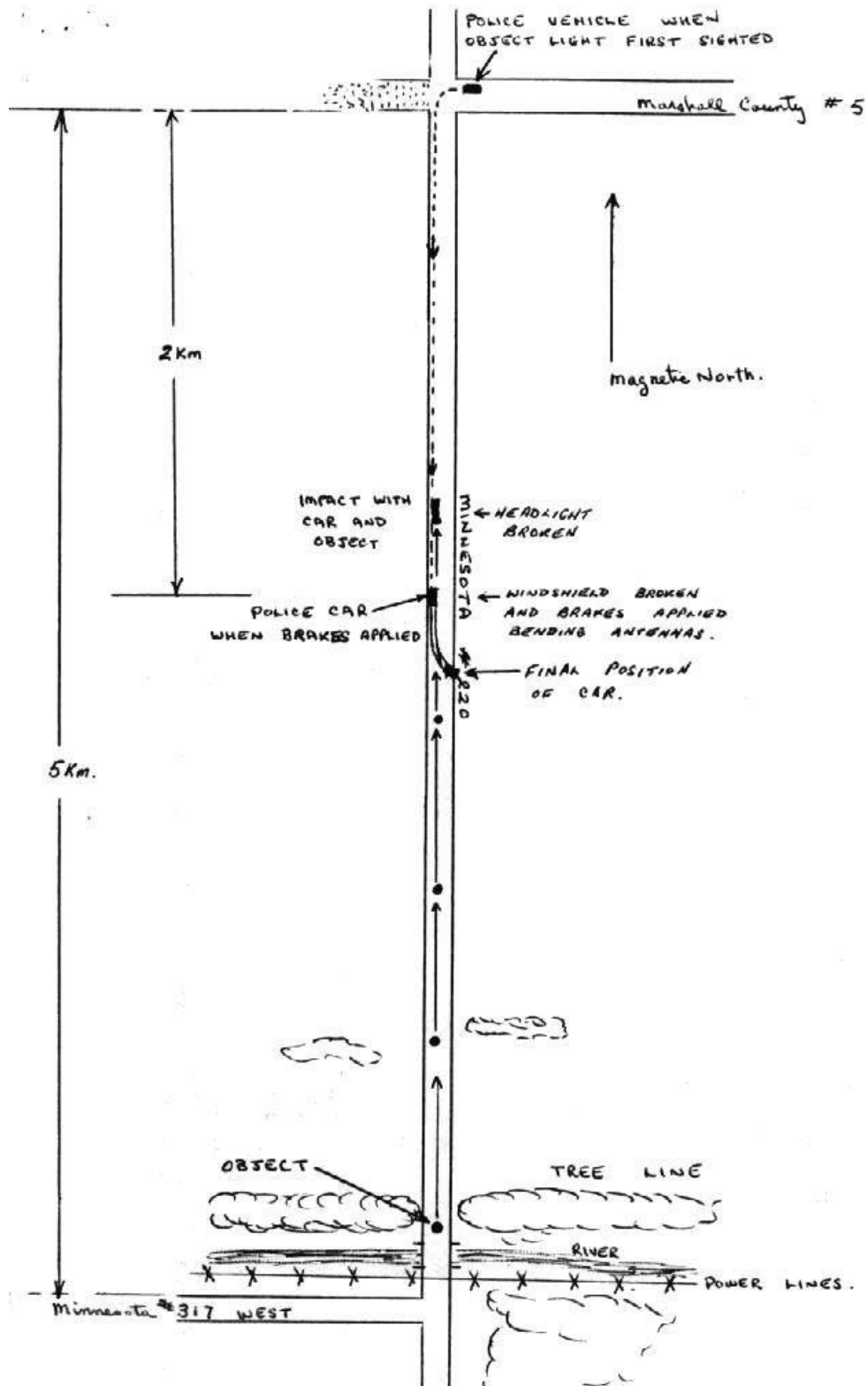
0305, ON OR ABOUT, 401 AND THIS OFFICER MET DEPUTY SHERIFF GREG WINSKOWSKI AT THE SCENE WHICH IS LOCATED APPROX. 1.4 MILES SOUTH OF CO. HWY #5 ON STATE HWY #220. AT THE SCENE, THIS OFFICER OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) On or about 1.1 miles south of County Hwy #5 on State Hwy #220, at Mile Marker #68, there was glass on the road. It was in the south-bound lane.
- 2) From this area, Sheriff Brekke paced off on or about 854 ft. south where skid marks started. These skid marks were in the south-bound lane and then a sharp turn to the east ending in an easterly direction. Said skid marks were approx. 99 ft. (these were also paced by Sheriff Brakke). (See picture #1.)
- 3) This officer noticed the following:
 - a) Front head light, left pair (driver's side) right light was broken out
 - b) Small dent on hood (driver's side)
 - c) Windshield (driver's side) broken
 - d) Top antennae bent toward rear of vehicle
 - e) Rear antennae also bent toward rear of vehicle

THEREFORE, THIS OFFICER AND SHERIFF BREKKE WENT TO MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO MEET WITH DEPUTY SHERIFF VAL JOHNSON.

0455, ON OR ABOUT, THIS OFFICER AND SHERIFF BREKKE TOOK A TAPE STATEMENT FROM DEPUTY SHERIFF VAL JOHNSON. MR. JOHNSON STATED THE FOLLOWING:

(Signed) Everett Doolittle
Investigating Officers



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Questions:

1. What was Benjamin Siegel's crimes?

- A. Any number of mafia related crimes from the 1920's through the 1940's including murder
- B. Murder only
- C. Organized crime
- D. None of the above

2. Where was Siegel was shot to death?

- A. Chicago, IL
- B. Anytown
- C. Beverly Hills, Ca
- D. Los Angeles, CA

3. Driver #1 in the accident requires corrective lenses to operate a motor vehicle.

- A. True
- B. False

4. According to the Investigation Report, Patrol Vehicle 407 noticed:

- A. An unknown object
- B. A motor vehicle accident
- C. 10-88
- D. A light

5. The motor vehicle accident in the report occurred in what year?

A. 1988

B. 1979

C. 1927

D. 1981