

Cloze Test Practice

Police Ethics

Ethics, or ethikos, derived from ancient Greek (freeonlinedictionary.com), means one's theory of living. A philosophy that one uses to make decisions that are considered right or wrong. Society has ethics to help improve 1) ___ human condition and to give a 2) ___ of fairness to the quality of life. A 3) ___ code of conduct, one's internal moral 4) ___, is paramount to having justice in 5) ___ society.

Nowhere in our country is 6) ___' behavior watched more closely than that 7) ___ our nation's police officers. Police officers 8) ___ expected to abide by the highest 9) ___ of conduct in both their personal 10) ___ professional lives. They, like doctors and 11) ___, have a creed, a code, and 12) ___ oath that all must ascribe to 13) ___ order to join the ranks of 14) ___ colleagues. The code of conduct for 15) ___ states that all officers must respect 16) ___ protect the individual's right to human 17) ___. The officer must protect life, liberty, and 18) ___ and strive to maintain the 19) ___ for all. He or she must 20) ___ discretion, have integrity, apply laws fairly, 21) ___ the commands of superiors, and be 22) ___ of other lifestyles, religions, ideas and 23) ___. Off duty, officers must be impeccable 24) ___ their own conduct. They must demonstrate 25) ___ that would not discredit themselves or 26) ___ department. They must keep their political 27) ___ separate from their professional lives and exercise 28) ___ in forwarding their political ideals while 29) ___ duty. Officers must never abuse the 30) ___ which has been extended to them.

31) ___ agencies are also instrumental in insuring 32) ___ every police officer upholds the highest 33) ___ of integrity and ethics. Departmental policies 34) ___ spell out, in clear and specific 35) ___, the actions and behaviors that are 36) ___ and those that are not tolerated. 37) ___, departments need to provide professional development 38) ___ that focus on how officers can 39) ___ and maintain their ethical and moral 40) ___.