

OPOTA EXAM AND OPOTA EXAM STUDYGUIDE LATEST 2023-2024 ACTUAL EXAM 500 QUESTIONS AND CORRECT DETAILED ANSWERS (VERIFIED ANSWERS) | ALREADY GRADED A

explain the generally accepted ethical responsibilities of officers -
ANSWER- **-owed to your community, citizens, profession, agency,
family, yourself**

-treat everyone professionally

-never allow cynicism, excessive force, perjury and accept gratuities

External Influences on behavior - ANSWER- **relationships with family
and friends, citizens, media, regulations, politics, subculture**

Internal influences on behavior - ANSWER- **officer's own ethical and
moral beliefs, anger, greed, lust**

Denial of victim - ANSWER- **argue that violated party deserves to be
victimized**

Denial of responsibility - ANSWER- **acted improperly because no other
options**

Denial of injury - ANSWER- **argue that action did not hurt anyone so no
ethical misconduct**

Social Weighting - ANSWER- makes comparisons to justify unethical misconduct

moral justification - ANSWER- argues that it's necessary to break rules for the greater good

Continuum of Compromise - ANSWER- -being exposed on a regular basis to "special authority" and at the same time being exposed on a daily basis to that element of society that operates without values, combines to severely challenge an officer's core values system

- can lead to a sense of entitlement where officers believe they are owed professional courtesy and that the rules don't apply to them

acts of omission - ANSWER- officer rationalize and justify not doing things they are responsible

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Acts of commission - ANSWER- administrative violations

acts of commission - ANSWER- -criminal

-theft

Rationalization - ANSWER- nobody is being hurt, except for bad guys who deserve it anyway

Steps in Decision Making Model - ANSWER- #1- Define problem

#2- Identify alternative solutions

#3- Evaluate alternatives

#4- make the decision

#5- implement the decision

#6- evaluate the decision

PLUS filters - ANSWER- Policies

Legal

Universal

Self

identify the uses of field notes - ANSWER- preservation of knowledge in written form, evidence in court, documentation of officer's efforts, aids in further investigation, foundation of formal written report

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types of information to be recorded in field notes - ANSWER- • complete information on victims witnesses and suspects involved

- date time of offense or incident being reported
- location of occurrence
- type of place where offense or incident took place
- details of offense or incident being reported
- disposition of evidence property and subjects
- corresponding report number

guidelines to be followed when taking field notes - ANSWER- -Head notebook page with day and time of shift

- Do not place information from one incident on the same page with information from another incident
- Write or print neatly so you can read and understand your notes later
- Record all information in ink
- Let victims and witnesses talk through the event before you start recording notes
- Ask clarifying follow-up questions
- Be as complete as possible
- Consider the use of electronic data device or template
- Do not record personal information in your notebook

essential questions answered in a report - ANSWER- Who, what, where, when, how, why

Requirements of a well written report - ANSWER- complete, factual, objective, accurate

explain crime - ANSWER- An act that the law makes punishable

Culpable mental states - ANSWER- knowingly, purposely, recklessly, negligently