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Write your answers in blue or black ink.**

Qualifying Examination for the Post of Security Guard in the Malta Public Service March 2026

Subject: English
Date: Monday, 30th March 2026
Time: One and a half hours

**This examination paper consists of TWO sections (Section A and Section B).
Candidates are requested to attempt ALL sections and to read carefully the
instructions within each section.**

Write your answers in the space available on the examination paper.

Section A: Reading
Task A1

50 marks
10 marks

Read the text which is on a separate sheet and answer the questions below.

Underline the correct answer related to the line graph.

5 marks

1. The graph shows that police recorded theft offences in the EU had their (lowest, highest, smallest) dip between 2020 and 2021.
2. Theft figures (fell, rose, remained the same) in 2022.
3. The number of police recorded burglary offences showed a steady (decline, growth, climb) from 2013 to 2021.
4. In 2022 and 2023 the number of police recorded burglary offences showed a slight (decrease, fall, increase).
5. Robbery is reported to be (less frequent than, more frequent than, equally frequent to) the other two property-related crimes.

Are the following sentences about tips to protect your home from burglary True or False? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

5 marks

		TRUE	FALSE
1.	Window locks are equally important as door locks to help prevent burglary.		
2.	Entrances should be lit by outdoor lights at all times.		
3.	Burglars can hide in large bushes in one's front garden.		
4.	Ask a neighbour to empty your letterbox when you are away.		
5.	Investigate before rushing to report unusual activity.		

Task A2

40 marks

Read the text below and answer all the questions that follow.

Paragraph A

Communities in the devastated town of Monmouth in Wales are continuing to count the cost of major flooding caused by Storm Claudia. A major incident was declared when a torrent of floodwater caused a threat to life in Monmouth on Saturday morning. South
5 Wales Fire and Rescue Service declared the major incident following severe and widespread flooding. The aftermath of **this** flooding on the town and **its** surrounding communities has been devastating. Fire crews are working throughout the area on Sunday alongside Gwent Police, the Welsh Ambulance Service, mountain rescue, the coastguard, and neighbouring fire and rescue services who have provided additional
10 support.

Paragraph B

Monmouth residents have been evacuated from **their** homes, many bringing only a carrier bag full of clothes. Businesses have been left in ruins, and one person has been electrocuted and hospitalised in a nearby city. Teams have been carrying out rescues,
15 evacuations, welfare checks, and moving residents from affected areas to places of safety. Activity is ongoing and conditions remain challenging due to fast-moving water, blocked routes, and continued pressure on local infrastructure.

Paragraph C

Speaking in the early hours of Sunday, fire service area manager Matt Jones said: "**This**
20 is a large-scale incident, and our crews and partners have been working tirelessly through the night and into today to help those affected. I want to thank everyone involved for the professionalism and care they continue to show in **these** very difficult circumstances. I would urge the public to avoid the Monmouth area completely. The flooding is significant, and we need to keep routes clear to allow emergency services to reach the people **who**
25 need us most. If you are in immediate danger with threat to life or property, or need urgent assistance, please call 999."

Paragraph D

Natural Resources Wales has issued four severe flood warnings, **which** indicate a risk of a "significant risk to life and significant disruption to the community". These are in place
30 along sections of the River Monnow and River Wye. Natural Resources Wales had warned that severe flooding of homes and businesses was expected in **these** areas and warned that floodwater levels could rise dangerously and flow with force. On Sunday morning, 7 additional flood warnings, and 15 flood alerts remain in place.

Adapted from <https://www.walesonline.co.uk/weather/storm-claudia-live-updates-met-32871884>

Underline the best answer.

1. Which is the best title for the text? 1 mark
 - a. High Temperatures Alert
 - b. Storm Claudia Flooding
 - c. Earthquake Alert

2. In which section of an online newspaper would you find this text? 1 mark
 - a. Travel
 - b. Lifestyle
 - c. News

3. The aim of the text is to 1 mark
 - a. inform the reader about a devastating incident.
 - b. narrate the writer's own experiences.
 - c. advise readers where to go on holiday.

4. Which **ONE** of the following pictures would be published with this text? 1 mark
 Tick (✓) the correct box below.



A



B



C

5. Below are the missing subheadings for paragraphs **A, B, C, D** in the text. Write the correct letter of each paragraph in the second column. One subheading is extra.

5 marks

Subheading	Paragraph
Severe flood warnings	
Flooding in Monmouth	
Minor incident caused by Storm Claudia	
Evacuation and Rescue	
Statement by fire service area manager	

6. In between **60 to 70 words**, summarise how Storm Claudia affected Monmouth residents and the advice given in relation to the Monmouth area after the flooding. 10 marks

7. Tick (✓) the **FIVE** correct sentences. 5 marks

Catastrophic flooding took place in Wales.	
The incident was announced on Saturday.	
The coastguard took part in the rescue operations.	
All residents left their homes empty-handed.	
Commercial outlets in Monmouth were badly damaged.	
A few residents lost their lives.	
Rescue operations continued through the night.	
All areas along the River Monnow and River Wye were in danger.	

8. Underline the correct answer in brackets. 2 marks
- b. The floodwater was (a hazard, an adventure, a thrill).
- c. The warnings of flooding issued by the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service were (insignificant, vague, urgent).

9. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Underline the correct answer and give a reason to support your answer. 5 marks

a. The flood was restricted to a small area.
True / False because

b. Neighbouring rescue services took part in the rescue.
True / False because

c. The fire service area manager made his statement on Saturday afternoon.
True / False because

d. Natural Resources Wales issued two other flood warnings after the flooding in Monmouth.
True / False because

e. Natural Resources Wales warned that the floodwater could become deep and fast-flowing.
True / False because

10. What do the following words, found in bold in the text, refer to?

4 marks

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| a. this (l. 6) | _____ | e. these (l.22) | _____ |
| b. its (l. 6) | _____ | f. who (l.24) | _____ |
| c. their (l.12) | _____ | g. which (l.28) | _____ |
| d. This (l.19) | _____ | h. these (l.32) | _____ |

11. Find **ONE** word that matches the following meanings as found in the text. The paragraph is given to help you.

3 marks

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| a. deluge | (Para. A) | _____ |
| b. consequences | (Para. A) | _____ |
| c. moved out | (Para. B) | _____ |
| d. difficult | (Para. B) | _____ |
| e. expertise | (Para. C) | _____ |
| f. keep away from | (Para. C) | _____ |

12. In your own words explain what the writer means by the following:

2 marks

... severe flood warnings, which indicate a risk to life and “significant disruption to the community.” (l. 25 to 26)

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