



Sample Test

Physical Security Professional Certification (PSC)

The following Sample Test presents samples of the type, difficulty, and format of questions found on the PSC assessment. At the end of the Sample Test, a table is provided outlining the topics and percentage of questions from each functional security category that are on the PSC assessment.

The PSC assessment uses three basic types of questions:
(1) Multiple choice with one correct answer
(2) Convergent True-or-False
(3) Multiple Response

Multiple Choice

A multiple choice item includes a question and a number of options listed as potential answers. In this type of question, your task is to choose the option that correctly answers the presented question. Three examples of this type of question are provided below. Take your time. Think carefully. Thoroughly read each question before answering:

Multiple Choice Same Question # 1	Correct Answer
<p>1. Which of the following is true of access control measures?</p> <p>A. Access control is integral and interoperable part of DoD installation physical security programs.</p> <p>B. Access control procedures should NOT be tailored to local conditions.</p> <p>C. The installation commander/facility director is responsible for defining access control measures consistent with DoD policy.</p> <p>D. A and C only</p> <p>E. All of the above</p>	<p>D. A. and C only.</p>
Multiple Choice Same Question # 2	Correct Answer
<p>4. Which of the following is NOT a physical security measure?</p> <p>A. Perimeter fences</p> <p>B. Security guards</p> <p>C. Marking classified documents</p> <p>D. Alarm systems</p>	<p>C. Marking classified documents.</p>

Convergent True-or-False

A convergent true-or-false question consists of an item stem that: (1) identifies the general topic area being addressed by the item, and (2) presents two statements regarding that topic area. It then asks the respondent to determine if one or both of the statements are correct or incorrect with respect to the topic area.

Convergent True-or-False Sample Question # 1	Correct Answer
<p>1. Two security professionals, Brian and Melissa, are discussing certification and accreditation (C&A) for Storage of Classified DoD Information Systems. Brian says that the DoD Manual 5100.76M governs the C&A for Storage of Classified DoD Information Systems. Melissa says that DAAs have the authority and responsibility for accreditation decisions.</p> <p>Who is correct?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Brian is correctB. Melissa is correctC. Brian and Melissa are both correctD. Brian and Melissa are both incorrect	B. Melissa is correct.
Convergent True-or-False Sample Question # 2	Correct Answer
<p>2. Two security professionals, Brian and Melissa, are discussing the purpose of physical security. Brian says physical security is the branch of security that is only concerned with active measures designed to prevent unauthorized access. Melissa says that physical security aims to safeguard assets against espionage, sabotage, terrorism, damage, and criminal activity.</p> <p>Who is correct?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Brian is correctB. Melissa is correctC. Brian and Melissa are both correctD. Brian and Melissa are both incorrect	B. Melissa is correct.

Multiple Response

A Multiple Response question is identical to a Multiple Choice question, except there could be more than one correct answer. How do you tell the difference? Multiple Response questions will have “Choose all that apply” in the instructions.

Multiple Response Sample Question # 1	Correct Answer
5. Which of the following does a physical security program aim to prevent unauthorized access to? (Choose all that apply)? A. Personnel B. Equipment C. Installations D. Information	A, B, C, and D



Topics covered on the PSC assessment:

Physical Security Concepts 22%

Topics addressed in this Area of Expertise include:

- Physical Security Concepts (12%)
- Facility Access Control (10%)

Physical Security Standards 24%

Topics addressed in this Area of Expertise include:

- Physical Security Standards for Storage of Classified Information (7%)
- Physical Security Standards for Sensitive Conventional Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives (10%)
- Physical Security Standards for Special Assets/Resources (7%)

Standards, countermeasures, and Planning 41%

Topics addressed in this Area of Expertise include:

- Protective Barriers (9%)
- Site Lighting (7%)
- Key, Combination, and Lock Control (7%)
- Site Design Strategies (9%)
- Security Systems Devices (9%)

Physical Security Planning and Implementation 13%

Topics addressed in this Area of Expertise include:

- Physical Security Planning and Plan Implementation (8%)
- Emergency Management/Emergency Response (5%)