

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF  
PREVENTIVE OFFICER

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5th November 1964

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FIRST PAPER. Time allowed: 2½ hours - 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

In answering questions you are in all cases to assume that you are a Preventive Officer.

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THREE questions in Section 'A' and FIFTEEN questions in Section 'B' must be answered to earn full marks.

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SECTION 'A'

Each question carries 50 marks.

Not more than THREE questions are to be taken.

1. You receive documents for the following stores to be shipped on m.v. "London City", passenger vessel O.B. Far East:-

(a) Ex Warehouse at your port :

200 cases assorted tinned foodstuffs.

20 cases John Haig whisky - 40 liquid galls. @ 22 U.P.

(b) Ex Warehouse at another port :

50 cartons B.M. cigarettes - 10,000 (No.) per carton

gross weight 25 lb. per carton.

30 cases Rum - 60 liquid = 48 proof gallons.

(c) On Drawback :

2,000 lb. Argentine beef.

70 x 1 cwt. bags B.R. Sugar ex 98<sup>0</sup>

30 x 7 lb. tins B.R. Syrup ex 70<sup>0</sup>

On visiting the vessel the storekeeper informs you that during the loading of the spirits two cases of whisky and one case of ~~rum~~ have fallen from a sling on to the deck. Examination of the cases reveals that all the bottles have been broken and the contents lost. You also discover that the meat has already been placed in the vessel's cold store.

Describe in detail your action in shipping these stores, showing the documents you would require, the certificates you would give thereon and the records you would make.

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2. The s.s. "Thames" (British, 946 n.r.t.) is discharging a cargo of Canadian timber on your station and is expected to complete discharge during the course of your watch. On completion of discharge all the crew are leaving and the vessel is being handed over to new owners when it will be employed in the coasting trade for an indefinite period. The transfer of high duty stores consisting of tobacco, spirits and wine, to s.s. "Tees", which is on another station in your port, has been approved. Lifeboat stores, previously shipped on drawback, are to be retained on board.

Describe in detail how you would deal with s.s. "Thames" during the course of your watch.

3. Two passengers, husband and wife, arrive at your port from Norway. In reply to your questions they declare and produce :-

$\frac{3}{4}$  lb. of Players "No Name" tobacco;  
400 (No.) Norwegian type cigarettes = 1 lb. weight;  
One bottle Acquavit -  $\frac{1}{2}$  litre;  
3 bottles sherry wine -  $\frac{3}{6}$ th gall;  
3 bottles port wine -  $\frac{3}{6}$ th gall.;  
2 cases containing household linen and bedding -  
value £50 (approx.);  
Silver tea service - Value £50;  
Canteen of cutlery - Value £45.

All the goods are for the personal use of the passengers. The husband states that he has been working in Oslo for six months and is now returning permanently to this country with his Norwegian bride whom he married 3 weeks previously. The tea service and cutlery are wedding presents from Norwegian friends. The linen and bedding have been purchased by the couple for use in their new home and the individual items vary in value from 10s. to £5. The husband states that he wishes to pay any Customs charges by cheque.

State fully how you would deal with this importation, the conditions under which you would accept payment by cheque and how you would dispose of any revenue received. The actual amounts of revenue need not be calculated.

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4. You are the Preventive Officer at a U.S.A.F. Base. A U.S.A.F. transport aircraft arrives at the base from Baltimore. The aircraft carries a crew of 8, 30 passengers and a quantity of cargo consisting of U.S. Government stores. The passengers are U.S. civilians, who will be working at the base, and their dependants. The aircraft will be returning to the U.S. with the same crew within 48 hours. The landing Officer is not in attendance.

Describe fully your action in dealing with this aircraft stating the maximum duty-free concessions which may be allowed to the crew and passengers.

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5. You are the Preventive Officer in charge of a Station Rummage Crew. During the rummage of m.v. "Argo" (Dutch - 230 n.r.t.) one of your Assistant Preventive Officers reports that he had intercepted the Mate of the vessel in the act of handing over 250 (No.) cigars ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  lb. weight) to a ship's chandler. Further rummage of the vessel results in the discovery of 1,000 (No.) Camel cigarettes concealed in a lifeboat and 2,000 grammes of Dutch-type tobacco in an oil drum in the engine-room.

The Mate admits ownership of the cigarettes and states that he hoped to sell them to dock workers. The ship's chandler admits buying the cigars from the Mate and claims that they were intended for his own use. Both men express a wish to "pay any amount" to avoid publicity. You are unable to trace the owner of the tobacco.

State fully how you would deal with this situation in the absence of the Chief Preventive Officer.

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SECTION 'B'

Each question carries 10 marks.  
Not more than FIFTEEN questions are to be taken.

6. Define :-

- (a) Quarantinable disease;
- (b) excepted port;

as referred to in the Public Health (Ships) Regulations.

7. State briefly how ships' surplus stores liable to higher rates of duty should be dealt with.

8. The Master of a vessel @ foreign requests clearance of the effects of a British seaman who has deserted abroad. How would you deal with this request?

9. Under what circumstances would you not require the production of goods declared on List C.142?

10. What is a Certificate B.B. and what action would you take if this certificate was not produced at the time of clearance inwards of a British vessel?

11. s.s. "Trader" @ Hamburg arrives at your port for minor repairs and to continue its voyage within 2 hours to a coastwise port to discharge cargo. State briefly your action on boarding this vessel.

12. s.s. "Shipton" has completed discharge of a cargo of iron ore. The amount discharged is in excess of the amount declared on the ship's report. How would you deal with this discrepancy and how would the ship's report be "written off"?

13. What do you understand by the term "Ship in Ballast" as used in the regulations concerning Outward Clearance?

14. What is the legal time limit for the discharge of foreign cargo and what procedure should be followed when this limit is exceeded?

15. The Master of a foreign-going vessel wishes to transfer his pet dog to a foreign-bound vessel within the same port. How would you deal with this?

16. A seaman is intercepted at the dock gates with 2 revolvers carried on his person. He admits attempting to smuggle them into the United Kingdom.

Formulate the charge which should be preferred against him.

17. What are the maximum duty-free concessions which may be allowed to the paid crew of a British yacht on arrival @ foreign? How would you deal with goods in excess of these amounts?

18. What do you understand by the terms :-

- (a) Customs airport?
- (b) Examination Station?

19. Enumerate the methods of dealing with aircraft surplus stores which are not retained on board an aircraft on its arrival from foreign.

20. What special instructions are to be observed with regard to the rummage of R.A.F. aircraft?

21. Outline the procedure to be followed when Mess and Canteen Stores are transferred from one H.M. Ship to another in the same port.

22. You intercept a Canadian Naval rating landing from a Canadian destroyer which is on a courtesy visit to your port. He is carrying a parcel containing 600 (No.) cigarettes which he says he intended to sell ashore. Describe briefly how you would deal with this.

23. A British passenger returning from a holiday abroad declares a watch on which you decide revenue is chargeable. He asks to defer payment of duty until later. How would you deal with this?

24. An agent presents a package for exportation under the Personal Export Scheme. The passenger, a U.S. citizen, informs you that he will be returning to this country via another British port in 3 weeks' time in transit to the United States. What action would you take?

25. What action would you take in respect of the passenger mentioned in question 24 on his return to this country?

26. What are the regulations governing the assessment of duty on wine imported in accompanied baggage for private use?

27. When would you deem it necessary to first caution a person whom you suspect has committed a smuggling offence? In what terms should such a caution be administered?

28. What advice on safety precautions to be observed during rummage would you give to a new-entrant Assistant Preventive Officer attached to your rummage crew for training?

29. A British passenger, detected in an attempt to smuggle, is unable to pay the compromise penalty at the time the offence is discovered. Under what circumstances would you allow him to defer payment and what is the procedure to be followed in such a case?

30. While taking duty in a baggage hall you detect an error in a duty slip which you have issued to a passenger. The passenger is still in the baggage hall. What action would you take?

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SECOND PAPER. Time allowed: 2 hours - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In answering questions you are in all cases to assume  
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ALL questions in this paper must be answered to earn full marks.

Question 1 (a) or (b) carried 140 marks.  
Questions 2 and 3 carry 30 marks each.

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1. Write a report to your superior officer on ONE ONLY of the following questions (a) OR (b) :-

(a) You are the Preventive Officer stationed along in a small port where Long Room duties are performed by an Officer of Customs and Excise. At 4 p.m. the police inform you that they have intercepted the Second Officer of m.v. "Archimedes", (British 1267 n.r.t.) @ Gdynia, at the dock gates carrying a suitcase containing 1,000 (No.) cigarettes and 12 bottles of spirits. M.v. "Archimedes" was boarded by you at 10.30 a.m. the same day.

The Second Officer has told the police that he bought the goods in the Kiel Canal area during the voyage and that he is taking them to his brother's home in your port to use at his niece's wedding reception. He has also asked to make a written statement but the police have taken no action on this pending your arrival. Rummage of the "Archimedes" reveals a further 6 bottles of spirits concealed in the linings of the Second Officer's cabin. The vessel will be sailing foreign late on the following day and the Chief Preventive Officer will not be available until 9 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Your report should give a full account of the methods you employed to investigate this incident and the action you deemed it necessary to take.

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(b) You are the Preventive Officer at an R.A.F. authorised airfield. At 3 p.m. the Commanding Officer of the airfield informs you that a Scandinavian civil aircraft on a scheduled flight from Oslo to London Airport has developed engine trouble and is about to make an emergency landing at the airfield. The aircraft has 6 crew and is carrying 60 passengers, 50 packages of cargo and a quantity of stores. On landing and after inspection of the aircraft, the pilot informs you that after emergency repairs have been completed it will then be necessary for the aircraft to return direct to Oslo.

Your report should show clearly how you dealt with this situation assuming that an Officer of Customs and Excise is not in attendance at the airfield.

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2. M.v. "Loader", British, arrives from Baltic ports with the following deck cargo :-

<u>Open Deck</u>	<u>Mean Length</u>	<u>Mean Breadth</u>	<u>Mean Height</u>
Section 1	49.8'	28.5'	8.0'
Section 2	37.5'	27.9'	8.4'
Section 3	42.2'	28.0'	8.3'
Section 4	45.1'	28.5'	8.2'

In Sections 1 and 3 are spaces occupied by winches and deck fittings :-

	<u>Mean Length</u>	<u>Mean Breadth</u>	<u>Mean Height</u>
Section 1	12.5'	11.0'	8.0'
Section 3	15.5'	11.2'	8.3'

All the hatches are covered by deck cargo and the excess hatchway tonnage on the Certificate of Registry is 30.36 tons.

The Chief Engineer certifies that oil in D.B. tanks is :-

No. 1 Tank	-	123	d.w.	tons	fuel	oil	-	specific	gravity	.92
No. 2 Tank	-	95	"	"	"	"	-	"	"	.89.

Calculate the total deck cargo tonnage.

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3. Calculate single, double and treble the revenue-paid value of the following seizure :-

4 bottles Absinthe (each .08 liquid gallons)	
650 Havana cigars (45 = 1 lb.)	
2 bottles Bay Rum (each .11 liquid gallons)	
3 musical boxes incorporating mechanical lighters.	Value £3 each.
1 gold wrist watch.	Value £55.
12 bottles champagne (each 1/4th gallon).	