

# **PolicePrep Comprehensive Guide to Canadian Police Officer Exams**

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# Judgement Section

## Framework for Analysis

It is important to have a framework for how you will approach judgement questions during an examination process. You must know how to establish hierarchies in order to prioritize activities and handle conflicting job requirements. Below is a possible value hierarchy that can be used to resolve difficult decisions.

### **1) Protection of Life and Limb.**

This is a police officers' first priority and supersedes all other decisions. This includes the lives of officers as well.

### **2) Obeying Orders in Emergency Situations**

Officers have to be able to follow instructions even though they may not fully understand the justification for them.

### **3) Protection of Property**

This is a primary duty of police officers.

### **4) Performing other Required Duties**

Officers then must act as required to keep the peace, enforce the law, and maintain order.

Remember that while you are performing your duties, your priorities include:

- 1) Assisting Endangered People (including victims of crime, injured people, etc.)
- 2) Keeping the Peace (calming disorder, preventing destruction)
- 3) Enforcing the Law (fairly and impartially)
- 4) Maintaining Order (investigating suspicious events, working with community members, correcting traffic problems)
- 5) Assisting Others Who Need Help (disabled, children, elderly, etc.)

## Core Competencies

Review the list of core competencies found in the resume section. Remember that officer safety is paramount.