**CAN YOU WRITE WELL ENOUGH TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER?**

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**DIRECTIONS:** *Answer the questions below by placing the letter of the correct answer choice on the line.*

\_\_\_\_\_1. In the pair below, identify the sentence that is most clearly written.

 A. Bullet fragments were gathered by officers in envelopes.

 B. Bullet fragments were gathered in envelopes by officers.

\_\_\_\_\_2. In the pair below, identify the sentence that is most clearly written.

 A. The next time Mary was in town, she agreed to have lunch with Sue.

 B. Mary agreed to have lunch with Sue the next time she was in town.

\_\_\_\_\_3. In the pair below, identify the sentence that is most clearly written.

A. The position requires that the incumbent type, file, and prepare travel expenses claims in addition to acting as the receptionist for the organization.

B. The position requires that the incumbent type, file, and prepare travel expense claims. In addition to acting as the receptionist for the organization.

**DIRECTIONS:** *In each of the following sentences, choose the word or phrase that most nearly has the same meaning as the underlined word.*

\_\_\_\_\_4. It was not a very pragmatic idea.

 A. plausible

 B. serious

 C. practical

 D. sensible

\_\_\_\_\_5. The police sequestered the suspect.

 A. caught

 B. isolated

 C. arrested

 D. released

**DIRECTIONS**: *In the following sentence, choose the correct spelling of the missing word.*

\_\_\_\_\_6. She was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worker.

 A. conscentious

 B. conscintious

 C. consceinteous

 D. conscientious

**DIRECTIONS**: *This on-demand writing assessment will test your writing skills. Respond to the prompt as completely and accurately as you can.*

Events or situations in our lives often produce unexpected responses. We may find ourselves reacting in better or worse ways than we would have thought. Write about a time when your reactions to an event or a situation in life were not what you would have expected. Describe the event and explain how your response surprised you.

**SCORING GUIDE**: *A paper that scores a 6 on a scale of 1-6 meets these criteria.*

* Responds effectively to the writing task.
* Explores the issues thoughtfully and in depth
* Is coherently and logically organized and fully developed
* Has a fluent style marked by sentence variety and language control
* Is generally free from errors in mechanics, usage, and sentence structure