



THE KEY

Sergeant's Test 2026

- **Classes begin late 2025, early 2026**

Anatomy of a Question
From the August 2022 Sgt Test

1. According to P.G. 202-19, Patrol Supervisor, Sergeant Marcs, the 42nd Precinct patrol supervisor should know that she is responsible for which of the following duties?
 - A) Notify switchboard operator of location where meal will be taken and relieve lieutenant platoon commander or desk officer for meal, when designated.
 - B) Keep lieutenant platoon commander and desk officer notified of current matters of importance.
 - C) Report derelictions of duty to the integrity control officer.
 - D) Visit police officers assigned to hospitals and special posts frequently and at irregular intervals and indicate visit by signing activity log of each member.

A)

Anatomy of Question # 1	
1. According to P.G. 202-17, Patrol Supervisor, Sergeant Marcos, the 42 nd Precinct patrol supervisor should know that she is responsible for the following:	supervisor
DCAS' (corrupted) version	The correct information
A) Notify switchboard operator of location where meal will be taken and relieve lieutenant platoon commander or desk officer for meal, when designated.	<u>202-19 step 16</u> • Correct
B) Be responsible for all police operations within command during tour.	<u>202-18, step 2:</u> • Desk Officer duty - sounds familiar
C) Report derelictions of duty to the IC	<u>202-19, step 14</u> • Report derelictions to the C.O.
D) Visit P.O.s assigned to hospitals and indicate visit by signing A/L of each member.	<u>202-19, step 11b:</u> • Visit hospitals once each tour.

A) is correct. This is Step 16 in 202-19. **But** the point of this question is to see *why* and *how* the other choices are wrong.

Let's begin the analysis of why the other choices are wrong. We'll take them one at a time...

B)

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A) Notify switchboard operator of location where meal will be taken and relieve lieutenant platoon commander or D.O. for meal, when designated.	
B) Keep lieutenant platoon commander and desk officer notified of current matters of importance.	<u>202-19, step 8:</u> • Keep lieutenant platoon commander or desk officer notified of current matters of importance.
C) Report derelictions of duty to the IC	
D) Visit P.O.s assigned to hospitals and at irregular intervals sign A/L of each member.	to hospitals

B) This is very close to being correct but for a small two-letter word! We covered the tactic of **“and” versus “or”** back in the August monthly video lesson of 2023. See how it applies here?

INCORRECT

This is exactly how you'll be tested

- Talk to the people who took the August 2022 test.
- This actually appeared on that exam.
- They took out “or” and replaced it with “and” making the choice wrong!

The Key Method

- On the following pages, we show you how to combat this tactic.
- Come to class when the time comes, we've got it all covered.

C)

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Choice A) Correct A) Notify me and my command	C) is an example of the “Break the Chain of Command” tactic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the P.G. directs us to skip the next boss in line and go straight to the C.O. or beyond, they tend to ask questions on it.
Choice B) Incorrect B) Be responsible for all police operations within command during tour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duty of the Desk Officer so, of course, it sounds familiar and could pass as correct.
INCORRECT C) Report derelictions of duty to the IC.O.	<u>202-19, step 15</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report derelictions of duty to the C.O.
D) Visit P.O.s assigned to frequently and at irregular visit by signing activity	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <p>We do an entire segment on “Break the Chain of Command” in The Key Course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a long list of places where it occurs throughout the P.G. / A.G. For now, here are the ones that appear in this chapter, P.G. 202. </div> <p>of the service assigned to is at least once each tour.</p>

Break the Chain in 202 Duties and Responsibilities

- 202-19 Patrol Supervisor, step 15: Report derelictions of duty to C.O.
- 202-19 Patrol Supervisor, step 20: Submit to C.O., in writing, recommendations for special assignment, detective designation, or change in assignment for members under supervision.
- 202-01 Police Officer, step 4: Comply with meal and post relieving points as directed by C.O.

All they have to do is put Desk Officer or Platoon Commander...

D)

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A) Notify switchboard operator of location where meal will be taken command	202-19 step 15
B) Be comm	it sounds
C) Report derelictions of duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report derelictions of duty to the C.O.
INCORRECT D) Visit uniformed members of the service assigned to hospitals and special posts frequently and at irregular intervals	202-19, step 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit uniformed members of the service assigned to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foot and RMP frequently and at irregular intervals. Hospitals and special posts at least once each tour.

In Choice D) the patrol supervisor does indeed visit UMOS assigned to hospital and special posts, but the time frame is wrong. The incorrect choice said '~~frequently and at irregular intervals~~' but the correct time frame is **at least once each tour.**

Notice that they chose "~~frequently and at irregular intervals...~~" to corrupt the correct wording; **at least once each tour**, -That corrupted phrase sounds familiar because it appears in the P.G. in the very next step -it's in your **peripheral** vision as you read!

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12. Visit uniformed members of the service assigned to:
 - a. Foot and radio motor patrol **frequently and at irregular intervals.**
 - (1) Ensure members of the service do not congregate, or engage in unnecessary conversation, with other members of the service while on post, absent police necessity.
 - b. Hospital and special posts at least **once each tour**
 - (1) Record all visits by entering time, name, and assignment in digital Activity Log and signing the uniformed member of the services digital Activity Log.

Key Exercise

- If you just read the Patrol Guide, you may not pass your test. You must study The Key lesson plans. On the next page are some exercises to get you into the right mindset to properly study the P.G.
- Remember, reading is not enough. You have to LOOK closely and take your time. To illustrate the difference between “Reading” and “Looking,” try this exercise;

Can you find the
the **mistake?**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Solution: There were no directions telling you to focus on the numerals. The mistake is found in the text; the word ‘the’ is repeated.