



## Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT)

**This evaluation is mandatory** for all those entering into the Criminal Justice Academy's Law Enforcement and Corrections programs. This includes any Crossover applicants. The test contains 120 multiple-choice questions and covers written comprehension, written and oral expression, problem sensitivity, inductive and deductive reasoning, information ordering, spatial orientation, visualization, selective attention, and flexibility of closure. **The passing score for entrance into the IPS Law Enforcement recruit programs is 80% and the IPS Corrections recruit program is 75%.** The time limit for completing the CJBAT is 2.5 hours. The charge for this evaluation is \$40.00. It is offered at the Lake Tech Main Campus at 2001 Kurt Street in Eustis. Picture identification is required at time of testing.

Results will be available following the test by meeting with a guidance counselor in the Admissions Office to discuss the results. If scores are unacceptable, the person may retest two (2) additional times (\$40 each test). If scores are still unacceptable, the person must wait one (1) year before retesting. CJBAT results are good for four years after June 30, 2008.

**Overview** During the 2000 session, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1481 requiring applicants entering into a criminal justice basic recruit program to successfully pass a Commission-approved basic abilities test. This test is a multiple choice exam which tests the abilities identified as important for the successful performance of the entry-level law enforcement officer or corrections office.

These abilities include:

**Verbal Comprehension:** Understanding the meaning of words or ideas.

**Associative Memory:** Such as memorizing information from wanted posters that requires later recall and the information does not necessarily have a logical relationship.

**Memory for Relationships:** Such as step by step instructions and operating procedures used in filling out an incident report.

**Memory for Ideas:** Such as reading and understanding the main ideas and themes from police academy training materials.

**Semantic Ordering:** For example, an officer, when arriving at a crime scene, is required to make decisions on what order he/she should set about to accomplish the necessary tasks.

**Identifying Themes and Ideas:** Reading material and making inferences and inducing certain issues/hypotheses from that information typically required of an officer in attempting to solve a crime.

**Problem Sensitivity:** For example, officers are constantly required to make decisions on what action to take (i.e., choosing between backing up another officer or stopping a traffic violator).

**Observational Judgment:** Such as when observing an accident scene, an officer is required to "sift" through the information, visually and verbally, in order to determine what is relevant and important.

**Spatial Orientation:** For example, an officer is required to draw sketches of traffic accidents and in doing so must be able to visualize the placement of cars and directions in order to accurately depict the accident.

**Spatial Scanning:** Such as finding one's way through a paper maze, requiring quick scanning of the field for openings, following paths with the eye, and quickly rejecting false leads such as determining the quickest route to take to get to a crime scene.

**Visualization:** For example, an officer may not have a recent picture of a wanted felon but must be able to visualize this felon with possible physical changes.

**WEBSITE:** [www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com](http://www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com) (Practice tests available)

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## **NEW FLORIDA Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) Study Guide**

**Study Guide - for those testing 10/1/07 and later!** By: Fred M. Rafilson, Ph.D., I/O Solutions, Inc.  
**Price: \$15.95**

**NEW VERSION! This study guide will help you with the REVISED CJBAT that will be administered beginning October 1, 2007.** Not only does this study guide provide you with a better understanding of the nature and format of questions that will appear on Florida's Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Tests (for both the Law Enforcement Officer and Correctional Officer exams), but it also contains a practice examination to help you prepare for taking the test!

A definition of each of the ability areas tested and an explanation of how they apply to the job of an entry-level Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer will be given in this guide. In addition, this study guide will inform you of rules, general test-taking strategies and instructions for completing the exam answer sheet

### **NEW Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test Law Enforcement Officer Practice Exam**

Two 120 question practice exams have been developed specifically for the Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Tests. If you are preparing for the position of law enforcement officer, this practice exam will provide you with valuable information about the various cognitive abilities upon which you will be tested and the types of questions that you will encounter on the CJBAT examinations.

These two practice exams will test you on the same cognitive dimensions found on the real CJBAT exam. Upon completion, this exam will provide you with a breakdown of your score in each of these dimensions. It will also allow you to review incorrect response, so that you can better understand your mistakes. If you are still unsatisfied with your performance, at no additional cost, supplemental items are offered allowing you to practice further areas in which your performance was the weakest.

For as little as \$14.95, you can take either [practice version 1](#) or [practice version 2](#) of the Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test, which is currently being used throughout the State of Florida. Upon completing one of these practice exams, you will receive a \$5.00 discount coupon to reduce the cost of your next I/O Solutions practice exam purchase. Simply return to this website with this coupon to purchase an alternate practice exam, giving you more exam practice at a reduced cost of \$9.95.

**Correctional Officer Study Guide - Students would need to purchase the NEW FLORIDA Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) Study Guide - for those testing 10/1/07 and later!**

### **NEW Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test Correctional Officer Practice Exam**

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