HMCT Practical Exercise

Investigations

# Part 1/2 – Choose Topics

**Instructions:** Choose relevant and comparison topics for the test. Recommendation: use the same topics chosen for the MCT practical exercise. Select from the suggested topics below, if needed. Follow the guidelines for choosing good test topics.

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| **R1** |  |
| **R2** |  |
| **R3** |  |
| **R4 (comparison)** |  |

**Suggested Relevant Topics (R1, R2, R3)**

Topics are customized to specific case facts allegation or known incident:

* Sexual contact with *that child*
* Hearing that woman say “no” or “stop” while engaged in sex
* Inflicting *that head injury* on that child
* Choking *that woman*
* Kicking *that* *woman* in the stomach
* Stealing any of the … money, product, jewelry, computers, etc. reported missing
* Stabbing *that man*

Employee Investigations - SPECIFIC OR CORRELATED TO THE JOB. OFTEN SIMILAR TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING, BUT THE TIME FRAMES ARE MORE SPECIFIC TO THEIR TIME AT THE COMPANY

* Using of illegal drugs within or since [timeframe]
* Accepting or offering a bribe at work…
* Leaking company confidential information…
* Stealing products, equipment, or property from the company…
* Stealing money or merchandise from the company…
* Falsifying work documents…
* Committing fraud at work…
* Driving a company vehicle while intoxicated…
* Giving contraband to an inmate…

**Suggested Comparison Topics (R4)**(note: you may need to invent a crime that didn’t occur that meets the comparison topic requirements, or use a crime that is plausible/believable when grouped with the relevant topics):

* Pointing a gun at your *ex-wife's* head
* Pulling the trigger on the gun that shot *that man*
* Giving *that woman* a date rape drug
* Creating or distributing sexually explicit images of *that girl*
* Stealing any of the [name of item] reported missing…. (something possibly stolen and of greater value than any item reported missing in the relevant question)

Employee Investigation comparison topics

* Exchanging counterfeit money at work
* Human trafficking
* Committing a violent crime
* Identity theft
* Ties to a gang, cartel, or organized crime
* Ties to domestic or foreign terrorists
* Arms trafficking
* Selling or distributing illegal drugs
* Stealing any of the [insert name] reported missing…. (something possibly stolen and of greater value than any item reported missing in the relevant question)

# Part 2/2 – Write Statements

**Instructions:** Write the statements for the relevant and comparison topics by altering the text shown in blue below in the “R1, 2, 3, and 4 - No/Yes” column. Use the text shown in gray in the “example” column as a reference but do not just copy it.

*Please consider the following when writing your statements:*

* *Include 3 NO, 1 YES, 4 TRUE and 4 FALSE statements for each topic*
* *All statements must be unique*
* *Balance – all statements should be roughly the same length*
* *Each topic statement refers to the same action or behavior in corresponding topic paragraphs from instructions*
* *Keep it simple – do not use confusing wording or include spelling or grammatical errors*
* *Include time frames and other qualifiers from the pre-test instructions*

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| **R1 - No** | **Example** |
| **Have you …?** | Did you use a belt to choke your ex-wife? |
| **Did you…?** | Have you used a belt to choke your ex-wife? |
| **Are you guilty of…?** | Did you choke your ex-wife using a belt? |

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| **R1 - Yes** | **Example** |
| **Have you…?** | Are you innocent of choking your ex-wife with a belt? |

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| **R1 - False** | **Example** |
| **I admit...** | I am guilty of choking my ex-wife with a belt. |
| **I am guilty of...** | I admit to choking my ex-wife with a belt. |
| **I have...** | I admit that I did choke my ex-wife with a belt. |
| **I have been an...** | At least one time, I used a belt to choke my ex-wife. |

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| **R1 - True** | **Example** |
| **I have not...** | I never used a belt to choke my ex-wife. |
| **I have avoided...** | I never choked my ex-wife with a belt. |
| **I am innocent of...** | I did not choke my ex-wife with a belt. |
| **I have never...** | At no point did I choke my ex-wife with a belt. |

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| **R2 - No** | **Example** |
| **Have you …?** | Did you kick your ex-wife in the stomach? |
| **Did you…?** | Was your ex-wife kicked in the stomach by you? |
| **Are you guilty of…?** | Have you kicked your ex-wife in the stomach? |

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| **R2 - Yes** | **Example** |
| **Are you…?** | Did you refrain from kicking your ex-wife in the stomach? |

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| **R2 - False** | **Example** |
| **I admit...** | I admit to kicking my ex-wife in the stomach. |
| **I am guilty of...** | At least once I kicked my ex-wife in the stomach. |
| **I have...** | I have kicked my ex-wife in the stomach. |
| **I have been an...** | I did kick my ex-wife in the stomach. |

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| **R2 - True** | **Example** |
| **I have not...** | I never kicked my ex-wife in the stomach. |
| **I have avoided...** | I did not kick my ex-wife in the stomach. |
| **I am innocent of...** | I'm innocent of kicking my ex-wife in the stomach. |
| **I have never...** | Never have I kicked my ex-wife in the stomach. |

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| **R3 - No** | **Example** |
| **Have you …?** | Did you punch your ex-wife in the face? |
| **Did you…?** | Are you guilty of punching your ex-wife’s face? |
| **Are you guilty of…?** | Was your ex-wife’s face punched by you? |

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| **R3 - Yes** | **Example** |
| **Have you..?** | Are you innocent of punching your ex-wife in the face? |

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| **R3 - False** | **Example** |
| **I admit...** | I am guilty of punching my ex-wife in the face. |
| **I am guilty of...** | I admit to punching my ex-wife in the face. |
| **I have...** | In the past, I did punch my ex-wife in the face. |
| **I have been an...** | At least one time, I punched my ex-wife's face. |

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| **R3 - True** | **Example** |
| **I have not...** | I never punched my ex-wife in the face. |
| **I have avoided...** | I did not ever punch my ex-wife in the face. |
| **I am innocent of...** | I did not punch my ex-wife in the face. |
| **I have never...** | Never did I punch my ex-wife in the face. |

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| **R4 - No** | **Example** |
| **Have you …?** | Did you point a gun at your ex-wife’s head? |
| **Did you…?** | Did you point at your ex-wife head with a gun? |
| **Are you guilty of…?** | Did you use a gun to point at your ex-wife’s head? |

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| **R4 - Yes** | **Example** |
| **Have you..?** | Did you refrain from pointing a gun at your ex-wife’s head? |

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| **R4 - False** | **Example** |
| **I admit...** | I pointed a gun at my ex-wife's head. |
| **I am guilty of...** | I confess to pointing a gun at my ex-wife's head. |
| **I have...** | It's true that I pointed a gun at my ex-wife's head. |
| **I have been an...** | I am guilty of pointing a gun at my ex-wife's head. |

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| **R4 - True** | **Example** |
| **I have not...** | I did not point a gun at my ex-wife's head. |
| **I have avoided...** | I never pointed a gun at my ex-wife's head. |
| **I am innocent of...** | Never did I point a gun at my ex-wife's head. |
| **I have never...** | Not ever did I point a gun at my ex-wife's head. |