

PSET

(Police Scotland Entrance Test)

Practice Paper 1

Read the following passage and answer the questions:

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In 2008, **Reform Scotland** published **Power to Protect**, a report looking at policing, sentencing and prisons. A key recommendation was that there should be no prison sentences of less than three months, or less than six months while automatic early release is still in operation. Following this, the Scottish Parliament passed the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 which introduced a presumption against sentences of less than three months. However, in 2016, over 4,000 people were still handed sentences of up to 3 months.

In 2015/16, 4,066 individuals were given prison sentences of less than three months – equivalent to nearly 30% of all prison sentences. Short sentences cannot rehabilitate. They offer little protection to the public –arguably if someone is genuinely a danger to the public then they should be in prison for considerably more than the six weeks they would actually serve. Additionally, because of the potential disruption a very short sentence could cause in terms of loss of income and/or employment as well as parenting and/or caring responsibilities, the punishment is seen as disproportionate.

Very limited training and/or rehabilitation programmes are available to prisoners serving less than six months. Short-term custodial sentences, especially those of less than six months, offer limited opportunity for rehabilitation. The Government is committed to reducing the use of short-term custodial sentences in favour of robust community sentences, like Community Payback Orders, focused on tackling the underlying causes of offending behaviour.

In May 2015 the Scottish Government published “**What works to reduce reoffending: A summary of evidence**”. The report highlighted a number of studies finding that community sentences were more effective in reducing reoffending than short-term prison sentences, possibly as a result of the increased opportunities for rehabilitation as well as the avoidance of negative unintended consequences of imprisonment, such as losing employment or housing. A new report in 2017 argued that sentences of less than six months should be prohibited.

Answer the following statements in line with the passage:

Q1. The reoffending rate continues to rise year on year.

TRUE / FALSE / IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Q2. Almost one third of prison sentences in 2015/16 were for less than three months.

TRUE / FALSE / IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Q3. A report in 2015 recommended replacing community sentences with prison sentences.

TRUE / FALSE / IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Q4. Six months is the most common prison sentence imposed by the courts.

TRUE / FALSE / IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Answer the following questions:

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- Q1. A cash and carry orders 400 cartons of juice at £1.50 each. How much profit will it make if all cartons sell at £2 each?

Answer:

- Q2. A bus travels at 59 mph. If the speed limit is 40 mph, how much over the speed limit is it travelling?

Answer:

- Q3. A demonstration has been planned and 45,000 people are expected to attend. One police officer should attend for every 500 people. How many police officers will be required?

Answer:

- Q4. The pizza shop is offering buy one, get a second half price. If one pizza costs £5.99, how much will two pizzas on the special offer cost?

Answer:

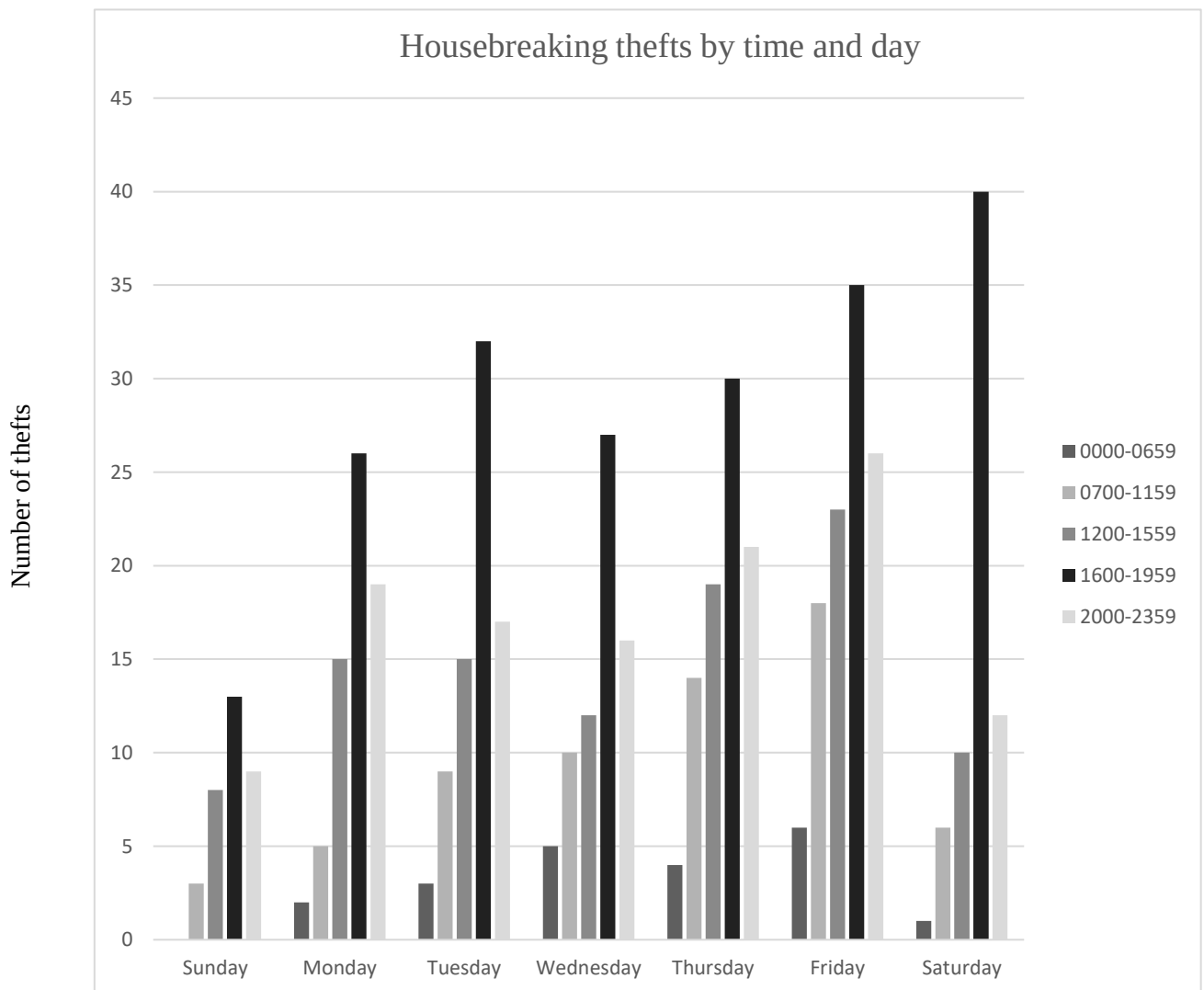
- Q5. A car travels for 15 minutes at 30 miles per hour. How far does it go?

Answer:

- Q6. A music event has sold 2,800 tickets. A steward is required for every 200 people. How many stewards will there be?

Answer:

Study the graph carefully then answer questions 1-6:



Answer the following questions:

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Q1. On which day and at what time are most thefts from housebreaking recorded?

Answer:

Q2. On which day and at what time are least thefts from housebreaking recorded?

Answer:

Q3. How many thefts from housebreaking are recorded per hour on Wednesdays between the hours of 0700-1159?

Answer:

Q4. Are housebreakings more likely to occur before or after 1600 hours?

Answer:

Q5. How many more thefts from housebreaking are recorded on a Saturday than on a Thursday during 1600-1959?

Answer:

Q6. On what days and at what time are identical numbers of housebreaking incidents recorded?

Answer:

Read the following passage and answer the questions:

Getting married or entering a civil partnership in a Scottish Prison:

Most persons can get married or enter into a civil partnership in prison except for those:

- Already married or in a civil partnership
- Younger than 16
- Whose partner is a close relative
- Who are not able to give consent.

For a civil partnership, persons are required to be of the same sex.
(Non-EEA nationals could be referred to the Home Office).

Most ceremonies will take place within the Prison. Depending on supervision and risk levels, some ceremonies could take place in a Registrar's Office, a place of worship or in an approved venue. The prison Governor will decide the supervision and risk level.

Legal paperwork before marriage:

- Completed forms M10 or CP10
- Birth certificates for both parties. (Some religions and beliefs may require extra paperwork to be completed).

Family and friends may attend the ceremony.

Two witnesses are required.

Maximum guests 12, excluding other prisoners unless family or witnesses.
(Personal Officer to be informed of attendees).

Cost of marriage / entering a civil partnership:

- Legal paperwork = £60
- Registrar = £55
- SPS Chaplains = no fee
- Celebrant (other than a Chaplain or a Register) = variable
- Belief Ceremonies = variable.

All fees listed are subject to change and could increase.

EXAMPLE QUESTION AND ANSWER:

Persons may enter a civil partnership in prison except for those younger than 16.

active

polite

agreement

legal

Identify the correct word for the sentence:

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Q1. It is crucial that those about to enter marriage or a civil partnership give consent.

mandatory stated essential important

Q2. The prison Governor will attempt to accommodate all special requests.

endeavour agree conform undertake

Q3. Accurately completing legal paperwork will mitigate against problems arising.

alleviate ensure deter encourage

Q4. Unless family or witnesses, other prisoners are excluded from the ceremony.

prohibited banned ostracised removed

Q5. The cost of the ceremony could incur a range of additional charges.

be liable to reduce affect increase

Q6. A celebrant of choice can perform the ceremony, although variable fees will apply.

undisclosed inconsistent sizeable statutory

Answer the following questions:

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Q1. A train travels at 70 mph for one and a half hours. How far has it travelled?

Answer:

Q2. A caterer orders 6 tins of syrup for every 2 tins of honey. If he orders 64 tins in total, how many of each will he receive?

Answer:

Q3. If a bus travels at 40 mph and its destination is 20 miles away, how long does it take to reach its destination?

Answer:

Q4. A retailer is clearing out short-dated stock at one third off retail price. A cake normally sells for 99p. How much will a short-dated cake cost?

Answer:

Q5. A catering tin of peas weighs 500g. How much would a special offer tin with 25% extra weigh?

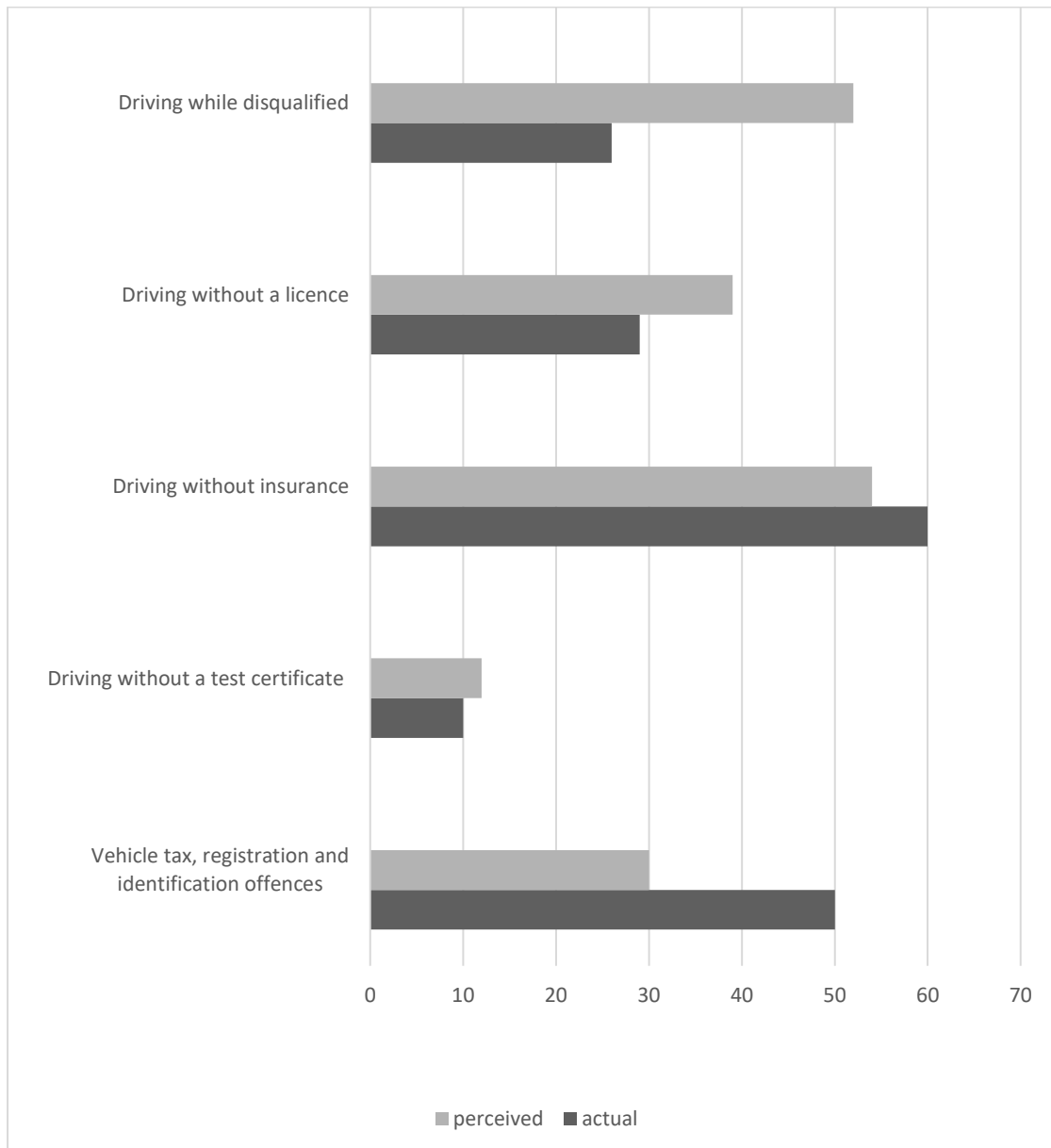
Answer:

Q6. A box containing 600 pills has been confiscated by the drugs squad. If 280 are found to contain an illegal substance, how many will be legal?

Answer:

Study the Graph carefully then answer questions 1-6:

% age Unlawful use of vehicles offences, 2020



Answer the following questions:

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Q1. What is the most common vehicle offence to be committed?

Answer:

Q2. For which offence is the perceived rate double the actual rate?

Answer:

Q3. What is the least common vehicle offence to be committed?

Answer:

Q4. What is the percentage difference between the perceived and actual rates of 'Vehicle tax, registration and identification offences'?

Answer:

Q5. For which offence does the perceived rate most closely resemble the actual rate?

Answer:

Q6. What percentage of offences were for driving without insurance?

Answer:

Answer the following questions:

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- Q1. The finance committee requires to purchase IT equipment. If there is £2,672 in the kitty and the bill for equipment comes to £1,499, how much will be left?

Answer:

- Q2. A crowd of 1,500 people is expected to attend a rally. If one steward is required for every 250 people, how many stewards will be required on the day?

Answer:

- Q3. A train travels at 45 mph. How long will it take to reach the station which is 15 miles away?

Answer:

- Q4. A department store is offering 25% off all stock. What will be the sale price of a jacket normally retailing at £60?

Answer:

- Q5. How much does a charity need to raise if it wants to run a project focussing on youth in the community? 20 youths are enrolled and the cost per head is £320.

Answer:

- Q6. An employee has been embezzling funds at a rate of £45 monthly. How much has been embezzled over one year?

Answer:

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Read the following passage and answer the questions:

September 22, 2020

At the High Court in Glasgow, Kanad Basi from Pollokshields, Glasgow, pleaded guilty to causing the death of Mr Jack Frame by driving dangerously on New Trows Road, Lesmahagow, on February 10, 2019. Mr Frame (aged 16) suffered catastrophic head injuries and died at the scene. Rear passengers Aiden O'Donnell and Eleanor Plenderleith suffered horrific injuries in the crash.

Basi had attended a party that evening, impressing partygoers with his BMW 1 series two-door coupe. Three partygoers drove off with him at 2am. A breath test later showed that Basi had an alcohol count of 37, the legal limit being 22. A blood sample taken from Basi showed the presence of cocaine and ecstasy.

During the drive, Basi approached a right hand bend, losing control of the car. His vehicle left the carriageway, mounted the grass verge, collided with a wire fence and struck a tree in the grounds of Hollandbush Golf Club. Upon impact, Jack Frame was thrown forward and trapped within the front passenger side of the vehicle. His head was wedged underneath the glove box area.

Apprentice joiner Aiden O'Donnell (aged 18) was sitting behind Basi. He suffered a fractured skull, four facial fractures, two broken legs and a number of fractures to his left arm. He required surgery and will require to learn to walk again. He has been unable to work since the accident. Eleanor Plenderleith (aged 19) was knocked unconscious. She suffered a punctured lung, lacerated liver, broken ribs and a fractured chestbone. A metal plate was subsequently inserted into her left upper arm.

No passengers during the drive were wearing a seat belt. Basi, who was wearing one, suffered a broken wrist. Basi was sentenced to 4 years 8 months in jail.

Sample question:

Question: What is the date of the report?

Answer: September 22, 2020

Answer the following questions:

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Q1. What is the name of the person who pleaded guilty to the death of Jack Frame?

Answer:

Q2. What was the charge?

Answer:

Q3. Where did Jack Frame's death occur?

Answer:

Q4. How many passengers were in the car?

Answer:

Q5. What did Basi's blood sample show presence of?

Answer:

Q6. What was the sentence given to Basi?

Answer:

Study the information carefully then answer questions 1-6:

Table 9: Incidents of domestic abuse recorded by the police, Scotland, 2018-19

Age Group of Accused	Female	Male	Total
Under 16	24	119	143
16-18	320	912	1,232
19-21	646	2,169	2,815
22-25	1,076	4,606	5,682
26-30	1,456	7,498	8,954
31-35	1,367	7,389	8,756
36-40	1,111	5,998	7,109
41-50	1,522	7,184	8,706
51-60	634	3,440	4,074
61 and over	156	1,011	1,167
All Accused	8,312	40,326	48,638

Answer the following questions:

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Q1. Is domestic abuse more likely to be committed by a male or female?

Answer:

Q2. In which age group are most domestic abuse incidents committed by males?

Answer:

Q3. Who is least likely to commit an incident of domestic abuse?

Answer:

Q4. What is the ratio of incidents of domestic abuse committed by females to males?
Is it:

- a) 1 : 4
- b) 1 : 5
- c) 1 : 8

Answer:

Q5. How many incidents of domestic abuse were recorded in 2018-19?

Answer:

Q6. How many more incidents of domestic abuse were committed by males than females?

Answer:

Read the following passage and answer the questions:

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March 31, 2020.

Following an Old Firm clash where Celtic beat Rangers 2-1 in the opening match of the season, Police Scotland were required to deal with several violent incidents in Glasgow city centre.

At around 5.05pm, officers taped off Albion Street in the Merchant City area. Witnesses reported a large scale disturbance among football supporters, believed to have occurred between Albion Street and Blackfriars Street.

Eight men and one woman were arrested and charged with the attempted murder of one man, Francis McCann (aged 47), and the serious assault of two others, Scott Meehan and Lee Wylie. All nine are said to have acted together in attempting to kill Mr McCann who was punched, stamped upon and stabbed in the neck with a knife. Mr McCann also had cider poured over him and a bottle thrown at him.

The nine are separately charged with assaulting Mr Meehan and Mr Wylie to their severe injury, permanent disfigurement and to the danger of their lives. Mr Meehan was punched, knocked to the ground and struck with a knife. Mr Wylie was punched, kicked and stabbed with a blade. The accused, who are all from Glasgow, are finally charged with behaving in a "threatening and abusive manner" by shouting and swearing at others.

In a separate incident, one of the nine accused, Kyle Beard (aged 25), is accused of assaulting George Cullen to his severe injury and permanent disfigurement during a further knife attack.

Lord Armstrong set a trial date for July 6, 2020 at the High Court in Glasgow. The case is expected to last around 12 days.

Answer the following statements in line with the passage:

Q1. Celtic beat Rangers 2-0 during the Old Firm clash on March 31, 2020.

TRUE / FALSE / IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Q2. There were violent incidents in several parts of the city centre on the day.

TRUE / FALSE / IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Q3. All of the accused come from Glasgow.

TRUE / FALSE / IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Q4. A number of witnesses have come forward to give statements.

TRUE / FALSE / IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Study the information carefully then answer the following questions:

Employee details: manually input

	Name	Postcode	Date of Birth	SAP Number
1	M McConville	G69 7EE	17.06.59	2339107-02
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3	P Drayton	G75 0GX	06.03.66	9472063-79
4	L Shorte	G74 1BB	10.11.80	2583456-51
5	BC Young	G12 0HC	03.05.85	3326748-07
6	E Singleton	G46 6FH	22.12.72	4659367-18
7	MS Lowe	PA3 4EG	26.09.79	3623921-14
8	J Snowe	ML1 9PQ	07.07.84	2059047-67
9	P Scott	G42 7SG	03.10.62	7019645-01
10	S Dowling	G5 7QF	19.02.81	2286729-97
11	C Docherty	G51 3QR	27.03.65	2894170-34
12	P McLaughlin	G31 1QN	02.09.68	1735946-22

Computer details: input onto computer system

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Answer the following questions:

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Identify the two Dates of Birth incorrectly transferred:

Manual input: Computer input:

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Answers: PSET Practice Test 1

Page 1 Q1 IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY
Q2 TRUE
Q3 FALSE
Q4 IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Page 2 Q1 £200
Q2 19 mph
Q3 90
Q4 £8.99 or £8.98
Q5 7.5 miles

Page 4 Q1 Saturday, 1600-1959
Q2 Sunday, 0000-0659
Q3 2
Q4 after
Q5 10
Q6 Monday and Tuesday
1200-1559

Page 6 Q1 essential
Q2 endeavour
Q3 alleviate
Q4 prohibited
Q5 be liable to
Q6 inconsistent

Page 7 Q1 105 miles
Q2 48 syrup and 16 honey
Q3 30 minutes
Q4 66p
Q5 625g
Q6 320

Page 9 Q1 Driving without insurance
Q2 Driving while disqualified
Q3 Driving without a test certificate
Q4 20%
Q5 Driving without a test certificate
Q6 60%

Page 10 Q1 £1,173
Q2 6
Q3 20 minutes
Q4 £45
Q5 £6,400
Q6 £540

Page 13 Q1 Kanad Basi
Q2 driving dangerously
Q3 New Trows Road,
Q4 3
Q5 cocaine and ecstasy
Q6 4 years 8 months

Page 15 Q1 male
Q2 26-30
Q3 females under 16
Q4 1 : 5
Q5 48,638
Q6 32,014

Page 16 Q1 FALSE
Q2 TRUE
Q3 TRUE
Q4 IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY

Page 18 Q1 07.07.84
Q2 07.08.84
Q3 1735946-22
Q4 1739546-22