

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION PACKAGE – EXAM 943

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Preparing for the Examination

Read all the information in this package. Come to the test physically and mentally prepared. Get a good night's sleep.

On the day of the test, you will need to arrive at the testing center 15 minutes prior to the beginning of your appointment to allow time for the check-in process. Be sure to leave yourself enough time for traffic, finding the test center location, parking, and getting to the exam room.

The assessment is designed to be taken without interruptions or breaks. Please be sure to take care of any personal needs before appointment check-in.

Please bring with you to the testing center:

- Government-issued Photo ID
- Assessment site Login ID and Password

If you are more than 15 minutes late for your assessment appointment, you will not be permitted to test.

What to Expect in the Exam Room

Upon arrival, you will be required to present one piece of state or U.S. Federal Government issued photo ID as specified in your appointment confirmation email. If you are a current USPS employee, you may bring your USPS ID badge.

You will not be permitted to take the assessment if you do not present an ID meeting the stated requirements.

Personal items are not allowed in the testing room. This includes all electronic devices such as cell phones, pagers, and PDAs. Please do not bring any unnecessary personal items to your assessment appointment as storage may not be available. We also ask that you not have anyone accompany you into the test center as there is not adequate space for visitors.

You will need your Login ID and Password to access the testing website. Please bring this information with you to the testing center.

When you are ready to begin, the examiner will provide you with ear plugs or headphones and assist you with logging in to start the test.

The test will be entirely administered and timed by the computer. All of the testing instructions will be provided by the computer. Before the test starts, you will see several practice and instruction screens. These screens explain how to use the computer to take the test and guide you through practice test items.

Other candidates might begin or end their exams at different times than you. In addition, the proctor is required to monitor the session frequently, so will be entering and leaving the test room as needed. All reasonable efforts will be taken to keep distractions to a minimum.

At the end of your exam, you will have the opportunity to complete an online exit survey where you can provide feedback regarding your testing experience.

You must check out with the examiner before leaving the Testing Center.

The examiner will not have access to any information related to your assessment results or your next step. You will receive an e-mail message with instructions on how to access your test results.

Obligation to Provide Reasonable Accommodation for Qualified Applicants with a Disability

The United States Postal Service is obligated under Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, found in 29 U.S.C. § 791 *et seq.* to provide accommodations to a qualified applicant with a disability that will enable the individual to have an equal opportunity to participate in the application process and to be considered for a job.

If you have a disability that will require a special testing arrangement, please make your request when scheduling your exam through the Assessment website.

You will be asked to specify the nature of the disability and the accommodation needed.

Supporting documentation to verify the existence of a protected disability or the need for accommodation may be required.

The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I schedule my proctored testing appointment?

You can schedule yourself for the examination after receiving scheduling information via an email. To schedule a testing appointment, log into your assessment account and click on the Schedule Assessment link. If there are no seats available, you may request a seat by clicking on the Request a Seat link. Seat requests usually take a minimum of 3-5 business days to process. Please make sure to allow enough time for your request to be fulfilled. You will be notified via email once a seat is available at a test center near you. The system will not allow you to schedule an appointment within 24 hours of a testing session or request a seat within 48 hours of your expiration date.

What if I need to reschedule (or cancel) my appointment?

You may only cancel or reschedule your appointment up to 24 hours before your scheduled appointment. To cancel and reschedule your appointment, log onto the assessment website and click on the appointment date/time link.

If you are within 24 hours of your scheduled appointment, you are not permitted to reschedule your appointment.

If you fail to attend your scheduled appointment, you will not be allowed to reschedule and will receive an incomplete test result for that job vacancy.

How long will it take to get the assessment results?

A Notice of Result will be available on the Assessment site after you have been checked out from the testing center. You will receive an e-mail message with instructions on how to access your Notice of Result.

What is a passing score?

You must attain a minimum score of 70 (excluding Veterans' Preference points) on the examination to be considered for any of the positions for which you applied.

How long are the results of the test valid?

Your examination result is valid through the expiration date shown on your Notice of Result.

If you are an applicant, your results will be maintained in your *eCareer* Candidate Profile and will be automatically included with your application if you apply for other USPS vacancies requiring this exam.

If you are an employee, your test result may be valid for longer, based on your situation and in accordance with Postal policy.

SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

The questions here are examples of the types of questions that will be used on Examination 943. Study these questions carefully. Each question has several suggested answers. You are to decide which one is the best answer.

There are 2 sections to this examination:

Section 1: Automotive Mechanic

Section 2: Automotive Technician

Section 1: Automotive Mechanic

You will have 60 minutes to complete Section 1. Questions 1 through 6 are examples of questions that will be used in this section.

1. A spongy brake pedal usually indicates:
 - a. worn shoes or pads
 - b. defective brake booster
 - c. brakes out of adjustment
 - d. air in the system
2. A battery load test determines if the:
 - a. voltage meets a minimum standard
 - b. amperage meets a minimum standard
 - c. charging system is defective
 - d. cold cranking amperes are sufficient
3. Oil pressure gauges may be of the _____ or _____ type.
 - a. thermistor, primary
 - b. magnetic, bimetallic
 - c. secondary, property
 - d. cadmium, electrical
4. All of the following could cause tire wear if not within manufacturer's specs EXCEPT:
 - a. steering axis inclination
 - b. toe-in
 - c. caster
 - d. camber
5. A hydro-boost system provides assisted power to the steering and which other system?
 - a. electrical
 - b. air-ride suspension
 - c. air conditioner
 - d. braking
6. No cranking and no lights when the key is turned to the START position may be caused by all the following EXCEPT a/an:
 - a. dead battery
 - b. open fusible link
 - c. burned-out headlight
 - d. open circuit

The correct answers to questions 1 through 6 are: 1d, 2a, 3b, 4c, 5d, and 6c.

Section 2: Automotive Technician

You will have 30 minutes to complete Section 2. Questions 7 through 12 are examples of questions that will be used in this section.

7. In addition to vacuum, which of the following represents one means of opening an Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) system valve?
- electricity
 - hydraulic pressure
 - manual linkage
 - compression spring
8. A technician is performing a four-gas analyzer test on a vehicle and finds a high hydrocarbon (HC) reading, with the engine misfiring only at idle. What is most likely the cause?
- leaking intake manifold
 - Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) valve that does not fully close
 - secondary ignition wire shorting
 - partially clogged fuel injector
9. When a transmission in the park position emits a high-pitched whine that increases with engine revolutions per minute (RPM), what is the most likely cause?
- a bad front pump
 - a loose torque converter
 - misadjusted park pawl
 - a worn sprag unit
10. It is **NOT** necessary to remove an automatic transmission to make which of the following repairs
- front pump seal
 - governor assembly
 - rear clutch pack
 - stator support assembly
11. A wet compression test is used to isolate which engine defect?
- leaking head gasket
 - worn valve seats
 - worn valve seals
 - worn piston rings
12. Which three of the following are most likely to be caused by excessive fuel-pump pressure?
- the carburetor float needle held off its seat
 - high gasoline level in the carburetor float chamber
 - air lock in the fuel line
 - increased gas consumption
- 1, 2, and 3, but not 4
 - 1, 2, and 4, but not 3
 - 1, 3, and 4, but not 2
 - 2, 3, and 4, but not 1

The correct answers to questions 7 through 12 are: 7a, 8b, 9a, 10b, 11d, and 12b.