

NOTES:

B.T.P.S. 322

APPLICANTS FOR INSPECTORSHIP:

Supervision of employees and contact with general public requires ability to think quickly and to quietly handle unexpected situations and occurrences.

- Question 1. Have you seen the book "Instructions for Tramways Traffic Inspectors"? Answer affords a guide to standard of answers to succeeding questions and, possibly, extent to which candidates have sought to be informed on duties of the post sought.
- Question 2. When directing employees in their duties or attending breakdowns, accidents, obstructions or derailments what would be an inspector's first consideration? Safety.
- Question 3. What would be the normal speed to be observed when towing or pushing another tram? Half speed (Series speed only) protection of overload on traction motors.
- Question 4. What would you do if you found a track obstructed by a broken down vehicle, burst water main etc. and likely to be closed for some period? Operate a shuttle service of trams on each side of the blockage and transfer the passengers across.
- Question 5. What would you do if when checking a tram, a passenger handed to you an irregular check? (Don't jump to conclusions). First make as sure as possible that the check presented is the one issued by the Conductor for this present trip. If so, take name and address of the passenger - keep and mark the check - get the block from the Conductor from which the check would normally have been issued - take the Conductor's trip way bill - report to the Superintendent.
- Question 6. If you had reason to suspect that the Motorman or Conductor of a tram had taken or was under the influence of intoxicants, what would you do? Conceal my suspicions but try to get into a position to get confirmation from the smell of the employee's breath. If suspicions confirmed, the employee would be challenged with having broken the rules and he would be immediately relieved from duty on the tram and be taken before the Superintendent.
- Question 7. If the tram on which you are travelling "jumps the points" at a turnout, what would you do? Alight quickly and check if the wheels have contact with the rails. If not, remove the pole from the overhead (if necessary) to remove danger of an electric shock by any passenger who alights. Replace pole only when all precautions taken and action initiated to re-rail the tram.

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Question 8.

How would you tackle the re-railing of a bogie type tram with one bogie only completely derailed? Check the angle of the derailed bogie with relation to the rails first. Check and adjust (shorten) if necessary the turning limit chains between the bogie and the body. The pony wheels will follow the driving wheels back to the rail, but if the pony wheels are in the lead they tend to swing away from the rails. Use the angle iron to guide the bogie in the required direction.

Question 9.

You are advised that a serious accident involving injury to several persons has taken place, what would you do? Take a taxi or first means available to get to the scene as quickly as possible. See that appropriate action has been taken for the removal of injured persons, the recording of witnesses and of injured persons (if practicable) the identification of any vehicles concerned. Check the position of vehicles and the position of all tramcar controls (power and brakes). Check air pressure gauge. Report to Superintendent. Take details of distances travelled by vehicles after impact. Condition of rails, length of skid marks. Make marks on the bitumen with the point shifter bar to record point of impact, commencement of skids etc. for possible future reference. Priority is Care for injured. (2) Witnesses. Don't be in too much hurry to move the tram. If very serious get the Superintendent or Manager first.

Question 10.

If you considered that the honesty of a Conductor was suspect, what would you do? Advise the Superintendent and plan special surprise checks of his tram.