

**How did you do on the test? Here are the answers. (You may drag this window to one side so you can also see the quiz page with your answers also.)**

1. D. The single biggest deterrent to burglary is the appearance of occupancy.
2. B. False. Mask your windows with sheer curtains or blinds instead.
3. B. False. The burglars in striped suits climbing in windows at night are history.
4. A. True. Burglars don't pick locks, they bypass them, usually forcing entrance at a window or other vulnerable spot.
5. C. The length of the screws that secure the strike plate is very important. If the strike plate can be kicked clear of the jamb, the burglar has made entry. Keep those screws about 3 1/2 inches long.
6. C. You should know this. Lethal force in California is only justified if you are in fear of your life.
7. A. Lock those doors! Most carjackings happen when the assailant rips open the car door & physically forces the driver out.
8. D. A less than lethal weapon should do all these things. Pepper spray works. Select an OC pepper spray that is 2 million Scoville Heat Units (SHU). The percentage isn't as important as the heat.
9. C. Non-confrontational larceny theft is king. Theft where there is no direct confrontation between victim and the thief is still the most favored crime by the crooks.
10. B. We wish they could prevent all crime! The police departments are undermanned, underpaid, and ill equipped to really prevent crime. They do their best to deal with crime after it's reported or discovered. Do your part and help them by phoning in accurate crime reports when you can.
11. B. False. The purpose of outdoor lighting is to prevent the would-be burglar from feeling that he can break in without being seen!
12. B. False. Sometimes fencing can provide a burglar with a secure area in which to work on bypassing your locks. If the fence blocks all vision into the area, it had better be an unreachable area.
13. C. Deterring access and concealment is fundamental. Without these two, cretins cannot get into your layers of security easily. Deterred they will likely opt for another house.
14. A. You know & I know that only we can be responsible for our own personal security. To believe otherwise would be foolish & naive.

**Scoring:**

12 or more correct = Excellent!

11 correct = Very good

10 correct = OK

9 or less correct = You need to hire a guard service!

This quiz adapted by Dave Nathanson from an article by Jim Grover, in his book; "Street Smarts, Firearms, & Personal Security". It's a good book, you might consider [buying it!](#)