

The River Police

Listen to this interview divided into three parts. After each part there will be a pause to give you time to answer some questions. You can, if you wish, use the margin to take notes while you listen. It's an interview with the head of the Thames Division of the London Metropolitan Police, usually referred to as *The River Police*. You will hear the interview **twice**, the second time without any pauses.

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Part 1

1a What type of work do the River Police do, outside the London port itself?

They patrol _____ and _____ (2 pts)

1b The port of London...

A is a major shipbuilding centre

B has a lot of heavy machinery

C is a very attractive tourist sight

D has more trade than other harbours

2 What are the main types of criminals that the River Police fight?
Give **two** examples.

• _____

• _____ (2 pts)

3 Why do the Houses of Parliament, MI5 and the Millennium Dome need special protection?



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Part 2

4 Why did the River Police discuss children catching crabs?

Because the crabs were...

- A making the children sick
- B caught illegally in the mud
- C served at eating places
- D disappearing unexpectedly

5a What is the problem with increased traffic on the Thames?

- A People are unaware of the risks
- B There is now greater pollution
- C Several boats are not seaworthy
- D Canoeists often go at high speed

5b What qualifications are needed to use a boat on the Thames?

6 Some people who were rescued had...

- A been trying to be funny
- B been diving in shallow water
- C been challenged to race
- D been affected by drinking

7 Swimming across the Thames seems to be an impossible task.
Why? Give **two** reasons.

- _____
- _____

(2 pts)

Part 3

8 What do police officers think about jobs in the River Police?

9 What is required in order to get a job with the River Police?

New recruits must have...

- A been trained as pilots
- B onshore experience
- C taken lifesaving courses
- D naval military training

10a What happened to the Marchioness?

10b How many people were on-board the Marchioness?

- A 50
- B 80
- C 131
- D 181

11 Why aren't there many accidents on the Thames?



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