

HPE: Hooligan Placement Exam  
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*You are not to answer falsely; you are not to give a response which you believe the board wants or deserves; answers will not be shared with anyone omit HPE's anonymous, blind scorers.*

1. After another lackluster party, you walk down a familiar street. In your pack: 2 unused cans of spray paint + 1 Swiss Army pocket knife + 1 once-banned book. You are not tanked. You approach your ex-SO's apartment complex. What do you do?
2. An economically sound, established graffiti artist from the UK is coming to NYC to strategically tag the city. You think this is \_\_\_\_\_ and not at all \_\_\_\_\_, and you want to \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in response to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. You were born into a working class family of Danish Communists. Now in your hands: a bucket of fresh red paint. The current prime minister stands before you. Whatever shall you do?<sup>1</sup>
4. You are on an artist residency at CAC in Vilnius. You have just spent a significant amount of time designing a culturally sensitive yet humorous performance walk / talk<sup>2</sup> with the help of your colleagues. Unexpectedly, a local Vilnius inhabitant (sporting weathered military boots, fishing hat and whisky breath) present during your EN language tour begins heckling in Lithuanian—so loudly that others can no longer hear you speak. What do you do?
5. Smoke Bomb : Middle Class :: \_\_\_\_\_ : Zygmunt Bauman
6. You are a neglected child exploring the forest behind your house<sup>3</sup>. You have stolen (borrowed?) your big brother's bb gun. For the first time, no one tells you what to do because no one knows where you are.<sup>4</sup> A rabbit hops towards you: chubby, slow. It looks you straight in the eye out of curiosity—then fear. What next?
7. Throwing water balloons on Neo-Nazis marching under “A Thousand Years of Swedishness” banner is a good idea<sup>5</sup>. T or F
8. You have never been sexually harassed or raped. You have been in a series of carefully cultivated, stable relationships your entire life. In fact, you think you've found “The One.” Today, you have a choice to either dress provocatively and walk with other women side-by-side down Main Street<sup>6</sup> or escort your beau to his remote country house. Where do you go?
9. You're aware of your socio-political position in the art world. You use your status to highlight inequity and inherited power dynamics—but not with sincere purpose and pointed responsibility, but more so with casual, tactless (yet contrived?) spontaneity. You intervene with self-catered, ego-boosting exercises into museum spaces, established organizations and government-funded institutions which are disturbing and/or unsettling to those who don't GET IT. Then one day, you wake up—hungry. But not for the candy of brats. You crave *another* game: real food. Construct then explain the rules of this new game.

<sup>1</sup> [http://da.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lars\\_Grenaa](http://da.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lars_Grenaa)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cac.lt/en/other/general/13/6805>

<sup>3</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freedom\\_to\\_roam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freedom_to_roam)

<sup>4</sup> Babysitter fell asleep watching *Full House*, parents at work, selfish bro locks himself in his room only to come out for dinner or futz around with skateboard.

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.tmponline.org/2013/09/25/stockholm-identity-crisis/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SlutWalk>

10. On your 1<sup>st</sup> date together, she suddenly frowns and whispers across the table whilst taking polite sips of her vanilla milkshake, “You're a hater.” You (a) attempt to make her distrust her judgment thereby forcing her to believe she's insane, (b) sigh then shake your head in agreement, or (c) convert her.

11. The process of altering one object<sup>7</sup> is of equal value to that of another<sup>8</sup>. T or F

12. It's OK to steal that bicycle seat—even though the bike is chained to the rack and clearly belongs to someone who loves it and has blissful memories of long rides which are privately cherished. Regard the silver bell and blue streamers. I mean (heh), how hilarious will it be when yet another person discovers that the world is *still* littered with cruel, sadistic MFers? On a scale from one to ten: how hilarious? (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

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<sup>7</sup> <http://www.nybooks.com/blogs/nyrblog/2011/jul/25/neglecting-lithuanian-holocaust/>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ponary\\_massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ponary_massacre)

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0246578/>