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Essential Body of Knowledge

The Essential Body of Knowledge (EBK) is the domain of essential information over which mastery is required for success in the intelligence profession. The list of references contained in the EBK is broad but not exhaustive. Each contains key concepts that an intelligence professional is expected to know and understand, but only a subset of the references was used to generate items for the IFPC exam.

Topic Area	References
Topic Area 1: What is Intelligence? (19%) Sub-Topic Areas: • Concepts, principles, history, and processes of intelligence • Role, responsibilities, and definition of intelligence • Categories of intelligence products	• Espionage Act of 1917 • Executive Order 12333, United States Intelligence Activities, as amended in 2008 • Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 • Joint Publication 2-0, Joint Intelligence, October 2013 • Joint Publication 2-01, Joint and National Intelligence Support to Military Operations, January 2012 • Joint Publication 2-01.3, Joint Intelligence Preparation of the Operational Environment (May 2014) • Joint Publication 2-03, Geospatial Intelligence in Joint Operations, October 2012 • National Intelligence Strategy of the United States of America, 2014 • National Security Act of 1947, as amended (Through P.L. 115–31, Enacted May 05, 2017)
Topic Area 2: What are the intelligence disciplines? (15%) Sub-Topic Areas: • Characteristics of intelligence disciplines (i.e., counterintelligence (CI), human intelligence (HUMINT), geospatial intelligence (GEOINT), measurement and signature intelligence (MASINT), open-source intelligence (OSINT), signals intelligence (SIGINT), and technical intelligence (TECHINT)) • Cueing, tipping, corroborating relationships amongst INTs	• DoDD 5240.02, Counterintelligence (CI), 2015 • DoDI 3115.12, Open Source Intelligence (OSINT), 2010 • DoDI 3115.15, Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT), 2011 • DoDI 5105.58, Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT), 2009 • Intelligence Community Directive 304, Human Intelligence, 2009 • Joint Publication 2-0, The Roles and Responsibilities of Joint Intelligence, October 2013 • Joint Publication 2-01, Joint and National Intelligence Support to Military Operations, January 2012
Topic Area 3: Who is involved in intelligence? (9%)	• DoDD 5143.01, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (USD(I)), 2014

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Sub-Topic Areas: • Roles and Responsibilities for Intelligence Community members • Roles and responsibilities at strategic, operational, and tactical level	• Executive Order 12333, United States Intelligence Activities, as amended in 2008 • Joint Publication 2-0, The Roles and Responsibilities of Joint Intelligence, October 2013 • Joint Publication 2-01, Joint and National Intelligence Support to Military Operations, January 2012 • Members of the IC, 2017 • National Security Act of 1947, as amended • US National Intelligence: An Overview, 2013
Topic Area 4: Why does intelligence require oversight? (12%) Sub-Topic Areas: • Intelligence oversight concepts and principles • Considerations regarding collection on US persons • Intelligence Oversight program framework • Intelligence Oversight roles and responsibilities • Laws and policies that govern oversight of intelligence activities	• DoD Senior Intelligence Oversight Official Training • DoDM 5240.01, Procedures Governing the Conduct of DoD Intelligence Activities, 2016 • Executive Order 12333, United States Intelligence Activities, as amended in 2008 • Executive Order 13462, President's Intelligence Advisory Board and Intelligence Oversight Board, 2008 • Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004
Topic Area 5: How is intelligence conducted? (9%) Sub-Topic Areas: • Purpose and function of each phase of the intelligence process • Roles and responsibilities of individuals who execute the intelligence process	• Joint Publication 2-0, Joint Intelligence, October 2013 • Joint Publication 2-01, Joint and National Intelligence Support to Military Operations, January 2012
Topic Area 6: How are classified and controlled materials protected? (16%) Sub-Topic Areas: • Roles and responsibilities for security and intelligence professionals • Handling, marking, storing, transporting, and/or destroying classified or otherwise controlled materials • Security clearance concepts (e.g., reporting foreign contacts, financial changes) • Reporting security incidents and violations • Foreign intelligence service threat	• DoDD 5230.11, Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations, June 1992 • DoDM 5105.21, Volume 1, Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) Administrative Security Manual: Administration of Information and Information Systems Security, October 2012 • DoDM 5200.01, Volume 1, DoD Information Security Program: Overview, Classification, and Declassification, February 2012 • DoDM 5200.01, Volume 3, DoD Information Security Program: Protection of Classified Information, March 2013 • Executive Order 12958, Classified National Security Information, 1995

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	• [Executive Order 13526, Classified National Security Information](#), January 2010 • [Intelligence Community Directive 403, Foreign Disclosure and Release of Classified National Intelligence](#), March 2013 • [Intelligence Community Directive 710, Classification Management and Control Markings System](#), June 2013 • [Joint Publication 2-01, Joint and National Intelligence Support to Military Operations](#), January 2012
Topic Area 7: How are classified and controlled materials shared? (10%) Sub-Topic Areas: • Interagency and multinational intelligence sharing • Requirements and standards for intelligence sharing and cooperation	• [DoDD 5230.11, Disclosure of Classified Military Information to Foreign Governments and International Organizations](#), June 1992 • [DoDM 5200.01, Volume 3, DoD Information Security Program: Protection of Classified Information](#), March 2013 • [Intelligence Community Directive 209, Tearline Production and Dissemination](#), September 2012 • [Intelligence Community Directive 403, Foreign Disclosure and Release of Classified National Intelligence](#), March 2013 • [Joint Publication 2-0, Joint Intelligence](#), October 2013 • [Joint Publication 2-01, Joint and National Intelligence Support to Military Operations](#), January 2012 • [National Strategy for Information Sharing and Safeguarding](#), December 2012
Topic Area 8: How do my actions affect my status as an intelligence professional? (10%) Sub-Topic Areas: • Safe versus unsafe search and data capture • Online vulnerabilities • Behaviors that could lead to clearance revocation or denial • Insider Threat behavioral indicators • Insider Threat reporting requirements	• [DoDD 5240.06, Counterintelligence Awareness and Reporting](#), May 2013 • [Insider Threats: Combating the Enemy within your Organization, Defense Security Service](#), 2017 • [The Insider Threat: An Introduction to Detecting and Deterring an Insider Spy](#), FBI, 2017 • [Receive and Maintain Your Security Clearance Eligibility](#), Defense Security Service, 2017