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**Answer b) is correct** Items of forensic physical evidence are not contaminated at any time

In the context of forensic casework, integrity refers to the condition of physical evidence. An item of physical evidence is said to have retained integrity only if it has not been changed/contaminated at any time from recovery (from a crime scene, suspect or victim) to its forensic examination. This said, it should always be expected that the crime scene and forensic examiner will exhibit the highest professional standards, so his/her professional integrity should never be in question!