

SHORT ANSWER. Write the word or phrase that best completes each statement or answers the question.

- 1) Why is the invasion of England important when studying our modern legal system? 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Why are laws considered necessary? 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Explain the importance of common law. 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Explain the early development of criminal laws. 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Explain the significance of the Magna Charta. 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) How did the concept of trial by jury develop? 6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) What was a trial by ordeal? 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) How were early offenders treated? 8) \_\_\_\_\_

TRUE/FALSE. Write 'T' if the statement is true and 'F' if the statement is false.

- 9) Guilt or innocence has always been decided by a jury trial. 9) \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Trial by compurgation was used to replace trial by ordeal. 10) \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Laws are considered to be essential in order to mold human conduct in a well-regulated society. 11) \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Historically, as societies become more complex so do the laws. 12) \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) A dual system of state and federal court systems exists today. 13) \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Law is not considered as a guideline for human behavior. 14) \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) Many of the early societal guidelines were developed by trial and error. 15) \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) Originally the common law of England was nothing more than an unwritten set of regulations and customs. 16) \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) Criminal laws do not vary among states. 17) \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) All states have eliminated treason as a category of crime and listed it merely as a felony. 18) \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) Criminal laws should be vaguely worded in order to facilitate the prosecution of offenders. 19) \_\_\_\_\_

- 20) Judicial opinions do not construe the constitutionality of state statutes. 20) \_\_\_\_\_
- 21) Only admissible evidence may be presented in appellate court hearings. 21) \_\_\_\_\_
- 22) Generally, courts of general jurisdiction are granted authority to hear and decide all issues that are brought before them. 22) \_\_\_\_\_
- 23) In some states, the state supreme court does not deal with criminal cases. 23) \_\_\_\_\_
- 24) Trial by compurgation was the forerunner of the present use of character witnesses. 24) \_\_\_\_\_
- 25) After a person is arrested, unless the charge against him or her is dismissed, some prosecutive action must be taken. 25) \_\_\_\_\_
- 26) The settlement of criminal charges by atonement was the forerunner of our present procedures for fining criminals. 26) \_\_\_\_\_
- 27) Court rules consist of the various standard procedures used by the courts. 27) \_\_\_\_\_
- 28) Our justice system should be viewed as a set of rules and is fixed in stone. 28) \_\_\_\_\_

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 29) The Magna Charta 29) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) established the grand jury system.  
B) was a Roman document used to govern England.  
C) guaranteed the right to a trial by a jury of twelve citizens.  
D) was the forerunner of the right to due process.
- 30) Which of the statements below is correct regarding common law? 30) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) Common law was further enlarged by legislative enactments.  
B) Common law was not used by the colonists as guidelines for conduct.  
C) Common law originated from a written set of regulations.  
D) All of the above statements are correct.
- 31) The least serious category of crime is a(n) 31) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) felony. B) misdemeanor. C) treason. D) infraction.
- 32) Trial by ordeal 32) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) was a trial to determine how much punishment should be given.  
B) refers to any trial with at least two lawyers.  
C) was a trial requiring the accused to perform some physical feat.  
D) All of the above answers are correct.  
E) None of the above answers are correct.
- 33) Venue is 33) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) the geographical area in which a case is heard.  
B) a term used to indicate the desire for a trial by jury.  
C) the court that had jurisdiction to decline the case.  
D) the court which will hear the appeal.

- 34) One of the first known attempts to establish a written code of conduct was the 34) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) Magna Charta. B) Code of Hammurabi.  
C) English Judicial Code. D) Bill of Rights.
- 35) Which of the below is a pragmatic goal of the justice system? 35) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) efficiency B) protection of individual rights  
C) preventing crime D) fairness
- 36) Which of the below is an orientation goal of the justice system? 36) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) protection of individual rights B) preventing crime  
C) fairness D) efficiency
- 37) Our system of justice is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ process. 37) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) group B) guilt C) innocence D) adversarial
- 38) Today, the criminal law of the states is based on a written set of regulations that is largely the result 38) \_\_\_\_\_  
of  
A) legislative action. B) history.  
C) common law. D) judicial decisions.

## Answer Key

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- 1)
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- 9) FALSE
- 10) FALSE
- 11) TRUE
- 12) TRUE
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- 14) FALSE
- 15) TRUE
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- 20) FALSE
- 21) FALSE
- 22) TRUE
- 23) TRUE
- 24) TRUE
- 25) TRUE
- 26) TRUE
- 27) TRUE
- 28) FALSE
- 29) D
- 30) A
- 31) B
- 32) C
- 33) A
- 34) B
- 35) C
- 36) A
- 37) D
- 38) A