

Advanced Legal & Judicial Knowledge Assessment

Law & Justice · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. In what year did the landmark High Court of Australia case *Mabo v Queensland (No 2)* overturn the doctrine of 'terra nullius'?

- A) 1982
- B) 1992**
- C) 2002
- D) 1972

2. The Australian Constitution, specifically Section 116, guarantees freedom of religion. Prior to its amendment, what was the approximate number of federal parliamentary votes required to pass a constitutional amendment?

- A) Simple majority in both houses
- B) Double majority of votes cast nationwide and in a majority of states**
- C) Three-fifths majority in both houses
- D) Two-thirds majority in a referendum

3. What was the full name of the judge who delivered the dissenting judgment in the 1976 case of **Ullmann v The Queen concerning the application of the privilege against self-incrimination?**

- A) Sir Garfield Barwick
- B) Sir Harry Gibbs
- C) Lionel Murphy**
- D) Sir Owen Dixon

4. The **Crimes Act 1914 (Cth) is a significant piece of federal legislation. What is the maximum penalty, in years of imprisonment, for treason under Section 24 of this Act?**

- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 20
- D) Life imprisonment**

5. The International Criminal Court (ICC) has its seat in which city, and was established by treaty in what year?

- A) New York, 1998
- B) The Hague, 2002
- C) Geneva, 1997
- D) Rome, 1998**

6. In the Australian legal system, what is the minimum age of criminal responsibility as established by common law and most state/territory legislation?

A) 10 years

B) 12 years

C) 14 years

D) 16 years

7. The landmark *Donoghue v Stevenson* case, establishing the modern law of negligence, was decided by the House of Lords in what year?

A) 1928

B) 1932

C) 1939

D) 1945

8. Which Australian state was the first to abolish the death penalty for all crimes, and in what year?

A) New South Wales, 1985

B) Victoria, 1975

C) Queensland, 1922

D) South Australia, 1973

9. The *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) created a framework for recognising native title. How many years of continuous connection to land are generally required to establish native title under this Act?

A) 15

B) 20

C) 30

D) 50

10. What is the primary legal principle that requires a court to follow the precedents set by higher courts in similar cases, a concept often referred to by its Latin name?

A) Res Judicata

B) Stare Decisis

C) Habeas Corpus

D) Mens Rea

11. The *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth) governs personal insolvency in Australia. What is the typical duration of a bankruptcy in Australia, starting from the date of the trustee's appointment?

- A) 1 year
- B) 3 years
- C) 5 years**
- D) 7 years

12. In the infamous *R v Thomas* (1972) case concerning abortion, what was the approximate length of the prison sentence given to the defendant, Dr. Aleck Bourne?

- A) 12 months**
- B) 2 years
- C) 3 years
- D) 5 years

13. The European Convention on Human Rights, which influences many legal systems globally, entered into force in what year?

- A) 1948
- B) 1950
- C) 1953**
- D) 1960

14. The Statute of Frauds, a foundational piece of legislation for contract law, was enacted in England in what year?

- A) 1550
- B) 1624
- C) 1677**
- D) 1700

15. What is the maximum number of judges that can sit on the High Court of Australia at any one time, as stipulated by the *High Court of Australia Act 1979*?

- A) 5
- B) 6
- C) 7
- D) 9**

16. The *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) regulates the handling of personal information. What is the minimum number of Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) established under this Act?

- A) 10
- B) 11
- C) 13**
- D) 15

17. In the context of company law, the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) defines a 'small proprietary company' based on specific thresholds. What is the approximate annual turnover threshold for a company to be considered 'small'?

- A) \$10 million
- B) \$25 million**
- C) \$50 million
- D) \$100 million

18. The *Evidence Act 1995* (Cth) governs the admissibility of evidence in federal courts. What is the general time limit, in years, for which a person's previous convictions can be considered in certain admissibility hearings, unless specific exceptions apply?

- A) 5 years**
- B) 7 years
- C) 10 years
- D) 15 years