

Junior Legal Literacy

Criminal Justice · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What is the formal name for the formal document issued by a judge that allows police to search private property?

- A) Subpoena
- B) Warrant**
- C) Indictment
- D) Affidavit

2. In the legal system, what does the term 'burden of proof' mean in a criminal trial?

- A) The judge's duty to provide evidence
- B) The defense's duty to prove innocence
- C) The prosecution's duty to prove the defendant is guilty**
- D) The jury's duty to agree on a sentence

3. Which amendment in the United States Constitution specifically protects citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures?

- A) First Amendment
- B) Fourth Amendment**
- C) Fifth Amendment
- D) Eighth Amendment

4. What is the specific legal term for a person who has been formally charged with a crime?

- A) Defendant**
- B) Plaintiff
- C) Witness
- D) Bailiff

5. In the court system, what is the primary role of a 'bailiff'?

- A) To prosecute the criminal
- B) To defend the accused
- C) To provide security and keep order in the courtroom**
- D) To record everything said during the trial

6. What is the meaning of the legal phrase 'habeas corpus'?

- A) To produce the body before a judge**
- B) To remain silent
- C) To be tried twice for the same crime
- D) To appeal a verdict

7. Which of the following describes the role of a 'grand jury'?

A) To determine if there is enough evidence to charge someone with a serious crime

B) To deliver the final sentencing

C) To provide legal advice to the victim

D) To mediate between the police and the press

8. What is the primary purpose of 'bail' in the criminal justice process?

A) To pay for the judge's salary

B) To ensure the accused returns for their court date

C) To pay the victim for damages

D) To fund the police department

9. In the Australian legal system, what is the highest court in the country?

A) State Supreme Court

B) Federal Court

C) High Court of Australia

D) District Court

10. What does the term 'acquittal' mean in a criminal court trial?

A) A finding of guilty

B) A judge's order to restart the trial

C) A verdict of not guilty

D) A sentence of community service

11. Who is responsible for representing the government or the state in a criminal prosecution?

A) Public Defender

B) Prosecutor

C) Magistrate

D) Parole Officer

12. What is the specific legal term for an agreement where a defendant pleads guilty to a lesser charge to avoid a trial?

A) Plea bargain

B) Verdict compromise

C) Witness testimony

D) Sentencing hearing

13. In most criminal trials, what is the number of jurors typically required to reach a unanimous verdict in many jurisdictions?

- A) 6
- B) 9
- C) 12**
- D) 15

14. What is the legal concept that prevents a person from being tried twice for the same crime after being acquitted?

- A) Double jeopardy**
- B) Due process
- C) Habeas corpus
- D) Plea bargaining

15. Which document outlines the 'Miranda rights' that police must recite to suspects in the United States?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) The Declaration of Independence
- C) The Supreme Court ruling in Miranda v. Arizona**
- D) The Articles of Confederation

16. In a courtroom, who is responsible for keeping an official written record of everything said during a trial?

- A) Court Reporter**
- B) Clerk of Court
- C) Bailiff
- D) Judge

17. What term describes a sentence that requires a criminal to serve time in a correctional facility?

- A) Probation
- B) Incarceration**
- C) Parole
- D) Summons

18. What is the role of a 'public defender' in the criminal justice system?

- A) To investigate crimes for the police
- B) To provide legal representation to defendants who cannot afford an attorney**
- C) To act as a witness for the prosecution
- D) To sentence the defendant