

Junior Legal Literacy

Criminal Justice · Practice Test · 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