

Understanding Criminal Justice Basics

Criminal Justice · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What is the main purpose of the criminal justice system?

- A) To punish all criminals severely
- B) To protect society and ensure fairness**
- C) To give criminals a comfortable life
- D) To make as many arrests as possible

2. Which of these is an example of a crime?

- A) Doing homework
- B) Walking in the park
- C) Stealing a bicycle**
- D) Helping a friend

3. What is a police officer's primary role in the community?

- A) To be a judge
- B) To write laws
- C) To maintain order and enforce laws**
- D) To own a jail

4. What happens to a person accused of a crime before a trial?

- A) They are immediately sent to prison
- B) They are usually released without any process
- C) They might be arrested and go through a legal process**
- D) They automatically become a judge

5. Who presides over a court case and makes sure the law is followed?

- A) A police officer
- B) A lawyer
- C) A judge**
- D) A witness

6. What does 'innocent until proven guilty' mean?

- A) Everyone is always guilty
- B) The person accused must prove they are innocent
- C) The prosecution must prove guilt, and the accused is considered innocent until then**
- D) Guilt is decided by popular vote

7. What is the role of a prosecutor in a criminal trial?

- A) To defend the accused person
- B) To represent the government and try to prove guilt**
- C) To act as a judge
- D) To be a witness for the defense

8. What is the role of a defense attorney?

- A) To prosecute the case
- B) To represent the person accused of the crime**
- C) To sentence the defendant
- D) To be the judge

9. What is a jury's main responsibility in a trial?

- A) To arrest the defendant
- B) To decide if the accused person is guilty or not guilty**
- C) To sentence the defendant
- D) To write the laws

10. What is a sentence in the criminal justice system?

- A) The punishment given to someone found guilty of a crime**
- B) The name of the court
- C) The evidence presented
- D) The location of the crime

11. Which of these is a type of punishment for a crime?

- A) Receiving a medal
- B) Going to jail**
- C) Getting a promotion
- D) Winning an award

12. What does rehabilitation aim to do for offenders?

- A) Make them worse criminals
- B) Help them change their behavior and become law-abiding citizens**
- C) Punish them more severely
- D) Forget about them completely

13. What is the purpose of laws in a society?

- A) To create confusion
- B) To make life difficult
- C) To maintain order and safety**
- D) To be ignored

14. Who is responsible for investigating crimes and gathering evidence?

- A) Judges
- B) Jury members
- C) Police officers**
- D) Defense attorneys

15. What is the principle of 'due process' in the justice system?

- A) Speedy convictions for everyone
- B) Fair treatment and legal rights for all people**
- C) Ignoring the accused person's rights
- D) Only punishing rich people