

Criminal Justice Facts and Figures

Criminal Justice · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. In what year did the United States Supreme Court issue its landmark decision in Gideon v. Wainwright, mandating legal counsel for indigent defendants?

- A) 1961
- B) 1963**
- C) 1965
- D) 1967

2. Which English monarch is historically credited with the creation of the Office of the Coroner in 1194?

- A) King Henry II
- B) King Richard I**
- C) King John
- D) King Edward I

3. The 'Peelian Principles' of policing, which form the foundation of modern law enforcement, were established by Sir Robert Peel in what year?

- A) 1822
- B) 1829**
- C) 1835
- D) 1842

4. How many amendments comprise the United States Bill of Rights, which contains the foundational protections for criminal defendants?

- A) 8
- B) 10**
- C) 12
- D) 14

5. The first federal penitentiary in the United States, Leavenworth, opened its doors in which year?

- A) 1895
- B) 1901
- C) 1906**
- D) 1912

6. According to the 1966 Miranda v. Arizona ruling, police must inform suspects of their rights before custodial interrogation. Which Chief Justice wrote the majority opinion?

A) Earl Warren

- B) Warren Burger
- C) William Rehnquist
- D) John Marshall

7. What is the minimum number of jurors typically required for a criminal trial in many US states for non-capital offenses, as suggested by the Supreme Court in Ballew v. Georgia?

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 6**
- D) 8

8. The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was established by an act of Congress in what year?

- A) 1920
- B) 1930**
- C) 1940
- D) 1950

9. In the 1972 case Furman v. Georgia, the Supreme Court placed a temporary moratorium on which type of sentencing?

- A) Life imprisonment
- B) Death penalty**
- C) Mandatory minimums
- D) Corporal punishment

10. How many years was the maximum sentence for a 'Class A' felony in the federal system under the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984?

A) Life

- B) 20 years
- C) 30 years
- D) 40 years

11. The 'Broken Windows' theory of crime, which focuses on maintaining urban environments to prevent vandalism, was introduced in an Atlantic Monthly article in what year?

- A) 1978
- B) 1982**
- C) 1986
- D) 1990

12. What number of justices currently serve on the Supreme Court of the United States?

- A) 5
- B) 7
- C) 9**
- D) 11

13. In which year did the United Kingdom abolish the death penalty for murder on a permanent basis?

- A) 1955
- B) 1965**
- C) 1975
- D) 1985

14. How many sections are there in the Fourth Amendment of the US Constitution?

- A) 1**
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4

15. The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) was created as part of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of which year?

- A) 1968**
- B) 1972
- C) 1976
- D) 1980

16. Jeremy Bentham, the philosopher known for the 'Panopticon' prison design, proposed the concept in which century?

- A) 16th century
- B) 17th century
- C) 18th century**
- D) 19th century

17. As of the 2020 Census, approximately what percentage of the US population was incarcerated in state or federal prisons?

A) 0.4%

B) 1.2%

C) 2.5%

D) 3.8%

18. The 'M'Naghten Rule,' which established the legal standard for the insanity defense, originated in England in what year?

A) 1813

B) 1843

C) 1873

D) 1903