

Milestones in Legal History and Jurisprudence

Law And Justice · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. Which ancient legal text is widely recognized as the first to establish the principle of 'lex talionis' or the law of retaliation?

- A) The Code of Hammurabi**
- B) The Twelve Tables
- C) The Edict of Milan
- D) The Gortyn Code

2. In 1910, Edmond Locard established the world's first forensic laboratory in which city?

- A) Paris
- B) Lyon**
- C) London
- D) Berlin

3. Who is credited with the first documented use of systematic fingerprinting for criminal identification in 1892?

- A) Francis Galton
- B) Juan Vucetich**
- C) William Herschel
- D) Henry Faulds

4. The 'Magna Carta' was the first document to establish which fundamental legal concept in 1215?

- A) Universal Suffrage
- B) Due Process of Law**
- C) Trial by Jury
- D) Freedom of Speech

5. Which nation was the first to implement the 'breathalyzer' device (the Drunkometer) as a legal tool for enforcing traffic laws in 1938?

- A) United Kingdom
- B) United States**
- C) Germany
- D) Canada

6. The first recorded use of forensic entomology to solve a murder case occurred in 13th-century China, as described in which book?

A) The Art of War

B) The Washing Away of Wrongs

C) The Analects

D) The Classic of Poetry

7. What was the first international tribunal established to prosecute war crimes after World War II?

A) International Criminal Court

B) Nuremberg Trials

C) Tokyo Tribunal

D) The Hague Court

8. Which legal system was the first to introduce the concept of 'habeas corpus' into formal statutory law via the Habeas Corpus Act of 1679?

A) Ancient Roman Law

B) English Common Law

C) Napoleonic Code

D) Canon Law

9. In 1986, Alec Jeffreys performed the first criminal conviction based on DNA evidence in which country?

A) United States

B) United Kingdom

C) Australia

D) France

10. The first professional police force, known as the 'Marine Police Force', was established in 1798 in which location?

A) New York

B) London

C) Paris

D) Amsterdam

11. Which landmark 19th-century legal code served as the foundation for civil law systems in many modern countries?

A) The Code Napoleon

B) The Justinian Code

C) The Prussian General Land Law

D) The BGB

12. The first 'public defender' office in the United States was established in 1914 in which city?

- A) Chicago
- B) Los Angeles**
- C) New York
- D) Boston

13. What was the first state or country to grant women the right to vote in national elections?

- A) New Zealand**
- B) United States
- C) Finland
- D) Norway

14. The concept of 'strict liability' in product liability law was first formally articulated in the 1963 California case of:

- A) Donoghue v Stevenson
- B) Greenman v Yuba Power Products**
- C) Palsgraf v Long Island Railroad
- D) MacPherson v Buick

15. Which 19th-century invention allowed for the first standardized collection of criminal 'mugshots'?

- A) Daguerreotype**
- B) X-ray imaging
- C) Telegraphy
- D) Microfilm

16. The first formal 'Rules of Evidence' in a courtroom setting were established by which historical system?

- A) Roman Civil Law
- B) English Common Law**
- C) Babylonian Law
- D) Ottoman Law

17. In 1966, the US Supreme Court established the 'Miranda warning' requirement following which landmark case?

- A) Gideon v Wainwright
- B) Miranda v Arizona**
- C) Escobedo v Illinois
- D) Mapp v Ohio

18. Which country established the world's first modern ombudsman office in 1809?

- A) Sweden**
- B) Denmark
- C) Finland
- D) Iceland

19. The first use of ballistics (bullet matching) in a court of law is generally attributed to which investigator in 1835?

- A) Henry Goddard**
- B) Alphonse Bertillon
- C) Calvin Goddard
- D) Edmond Locard

20. The first constitutional democracy to include a formal 'Bill of Rights' as part of its original document was:

- A) United States
- B) Poland**
- C) France
- D) San Marino

21. What was the first international treaty to abolish the slave trade in 1807?

- A) Treaty of Vienna
- B) Slave Trade Act**
- C) Treaty of Paris
- D) Berlin Act

22. Which legal innovation introduced in 1899 was the first to separate juvenile offenders from adult criminal justice systems?

- A) Probation system
- B) Juvenile Court Act of Illinois**
- C) Community Service
- D) Diversion programs

23. The first documented 'trial by jury' is often traced back to the implementation of the 'Assize of Clarendon' in which year?

- A) 1066
- B) 1166**
- C) 1215
- D) 1350

24. In 1923, the Frye standard established the first legal test for the admissibility of what in court?

A) Scientific evidence

B) Expert witness testimony

C) Hearsay

D) Circumstantial evidence

25. The first formal code of maritime law, the 'Laws of Oleron', was established in the 12th century by which monarch?

A) Richard the Lionheart

B) Eleanor of Aquitaine

C) Louis IX

D) William the Conqueror