

Foundations of Law and Justice

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1. Which legal system forms the basis of the laws in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States?

- A) Civil law
- B) Common law
- C) Canon law
- D) Sharia law

2. What is the primary function of a grand jury in the United States legal system?

- A) To determine guilt in criminal trials
- B) To decide civil damages
- C) To determine if there is sufficient evidence to charge a person with a crime
- D) To interpret constitutional law

3. In the context of legal terminology, what is a 'stare decisis'?

- A) A written formal complaint
- B) The doctrine of following legal precedents
- C) A sentence of life imprisonment
- D) The power of a president to pardon

4. Which international court is based in The Hague and handles disputes between sovereign states?

- A) The International Criminal Court
- B) The International Court of Justice
- C) The European Court of Human Rights
- D) The Supreme Court of Nations

5. In a civil trial, what is the term for the party who initiates the lawsuit?

- A) Defendant
- B) Prosecutor
- C) Plaintiff
- D) Respondent

6. What does the 'Magna Carta', signed in 1215, historically establish?

- A) Universal suffrage
- B) The principle that everyone, including the king, is subject to the law
- C) The abolition of the death penalty
- D) The right to bear arms

7. What is the 'burden of proof' required in a criminal case for a jury to reach a guilty verdict?

- A) Preponderance of the evidence
- B) Clear and convincing evidence
- C) Beyond a reasonable doubt
- D) Probable cause

8. Which branch of government is typically responsible for the enactment of statutes?

- A) Judiciary
- B) Executive
- C) Legislature
- D) Administrative agencies

9. What is an 'affidavit'?

- A) A verbal testimony given in court
- B) A written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation
- C) A court order to appear as a witness
- D) A private agreement between lawyers

10. What term describes a court order requiring a person to appear in court to give testimony?

- A) Subpoena
- B) Warrant
- C) Indictment
- D) Injunction

11. In Australian law, what is the highest court in the judicial hierarchy?

- A) Federal Court of Australia
- B) Supreme Court of the State
- C) High Court of Australia
- D) Family Court of Australia

12. What is the primary purpose of a 'statute of limitations'?

- A) To limit the maximum fine a judge can impose
- B) To set a deadline for filing a legal action after an event
- C) To define the maximum length of a prison sentence
- D) To restrict the types of evidence allowed in court