

Legal History and Jurisprudence

Law And Justice · Practice Test · 8 Questions

1. Which 13th-century legal document, reissued in 1225, established the precedent that the monarch is not above the law in England?

- A) The Domesday Book
- B) Magna Carta
- C) The Assize of Clarendon
- D) The Constitutions of Clarendon

2. In Roman law, what was the primary purpose of the 'Lex Aquilia' enacted around 286 BC?

- A) Establishing rules for maritime trade
- B) Defining penalties for property damage
- C) Regulating marriage contracts
- D) Setting standards for public assembly

3. The Napoleonic Code, enacted in 1804, was revolutionary primarily because it established which principle?

- A) The supremacy of common law over statute
- B) The absolute authority of the church in judicial matters
- C) The equality of all male citizens before the law
- D) The introduction of trial by jury in civil cases

4. Which 19th-century legislation was the first to mandate safety regulations for factories in the United Kingdom?

- A) The Factory Act of 1833
- B) The Poor Law Amendment Act 1834
- C) The Mines Act 1842
- D) The Health and Morals of Apprentices Act 1802

5. Who was the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, appointed by George Washington in 1789?

- A) John Marshall
- B) John Jay
- C) Oliver Ellsworth
- D) James Wilson

6. The 'Code of Hammurabi', dating to approximately 1754 BC, is best known for introducing which legal concept?

- A) Presumption of innocence
- B) The principle of Lex Talionis
- C) Trial by ordeal
- D) Universal suffrage

7. What was the historical significance of the 'Statute of Anne' (1710) in the development of modern law?

- A) It established the first patent office
- B) It was the world's first copyright statute
- C) It banned the practice of indentured servitude
- D) It formally abolished the Star Chamber

8. In 1948, the United Nations adopted the 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights'. Who chaired the drafting committee?

- A) Eleanor Roosevelt
- B) René Cassin
- C) Charles Malik
- D) P.C. Chang