Criminal Justice History and Statistics

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1. In what year did the United States Supreme Court rule in Gideon v. Wainwright that states are required to provide legal counsel to indigent defendants?

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

2. How many justices serve on the Supreme Court of the United States as established by the Judiciary Act of 1869?

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

3. Which English document, signed in 1215, is widely considered the foundational source for the right to due process in common law systems?

A) The Magna Carta
B) The Petition of Right
C) The Bill of Rights
D) The Statute of Winchester

4. The 'M'Naghten Rule', used to determine criminal insanity, originated from a court case in which country in 1843?

A) United States
B) Australia
C) Canada
D) United Kingdom

5. Under the U.S. Federal Sentencing Guidelines, how many criminal history categories are utilized to calculate a defendant's sentencing range?

A) 3
B) 6
C) 9
D) 12

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6. The Miranda v. Arizona decision, which mandates the reading of rights during custodial interrogation, was handed down by the Supreme Court in what year?

A) 1964
B) 1966
C) 1968
D) 1970

7. Which U.S. Constitutional Amendment explicitly protects citizens against 'cruel and unusual punishments'?

A) Fourth Amendment
B) Fifth Amendment
C) Eighth Amendment
D) Fourteenth Amendment

8. Sir Robert Peel established the Metropolitan Police Service in London in which year?

A) 1812
B) 1829
C) 1845
D) 1856

9. In the 1972 case Furman v. Georgia, the U.S. Supreme Court effectively halted the use of what sentencing practice nationwide?

A) Life imprisonment
B) The death penalty
C) Solitary confinement
D) Corporal punishment

10. How many jurors are traditionally required for a standard criminal trial in a federal court in the United States?

A) 6
B) 9
C) 12
D) 15

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