

Asian Criminal Justice: Art, Aesthetics, and Creativity

Criminal Justice · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. In Japan, which traditional art form has been used as a means of rehabilitation and therapeutic intervention for inmates, focusing on discipline and mindful creation?

- A) Ukiyo-e woodblock printing
- B) Shodo (calligraphy)**
- C) Ikebana (flower arrangement)
- D) Kabuki theater

2. What role does the aesthetic presentation of courtrooms play in the perception of justice in some South Asian legal systems, aiming to convey solemnity and authority?

- A) Minimalist, modern designs to reduce intimidation.
- B) Elaborate colonial-era architecture and symbolic ornamentation.**
- C) Open-plan, informal seating arrangements for accessibility.
- D) Interactive digital displays showcasing case proceedings.

3. Creative storytelling through oral traditions and folk arts has historically been used in parts of Southeast Asia to impart moral lessons and deter undesirable behavior. Which art form exemplifies this in Indonesia?

- A) Wayang Kulit (shadow puppetry)**
- B) Gamelan music
- C) Batik textile design
- D) Kecak dance

4. The visual design of public campaigns against crime in countries like South Korea often employs a specific aesthetic to resonate with younger audiences and promote social conformity. What is a common characteristic of these designs?

- A) Gritty, realistic imagery of crime scenes.
- B) Bright, cartoonish characters and bold typography.**
- C) Abstract, conceptual art pieces.
- D) Historical reenactments of past judicial decisions.

5. In China, the careful arrangement and symbolism within garden design, often found in historical prisons or reformatories, can be interpreted as reflecting underlying philosophies of order and control. Which aesthetic principle is most relevant here?

- A) Chaos and asymmetry to encourage rebellion.
- B) Harmony, balance, and symbolism (e.g., mountains and water).**
- C) Functional utility above all else.
- D) Vibrant, clashing colors to stimulate the mind.

6. The aesthetic of propaganda art in some authoritarian regimes in Asia has been used to demonize perceived enemies of the state. What artistic technique is often employed to achieve this dehumanization?

- A) Soft, romanticized portraits.
- B) Caricature and exaggeration to create monstrous figures.**
- C) Impressionistic depictions of everyday life.
- D) Surrealism to induce confusion.

7. Which element of traditional Indian judicial ceremonies, often involving specific attire and ceremonial objects, contributes to the visual grandeur and perceived legitimacy of the proceedings?

- A) Casual wear and modern technology.
- B) Ritualistic garments, ornate seats, and symbolic scepters.**
- C) Minimalist decor and informal gatherings.
- D) Performance art pieces during deliberations.

8. The use of distinct architectural styles for correctional facilities in some parts of Asia has historically been influenced by colonial powers. Which aesthetic characteristic often signifies power and control in such structures?

- A) Open, accessible designs.
- B) Fortress-like, imposing facades with minimal ornamentation.**
- C) Bright, colorful exteriors.
- D) Underground, hidden structures.