Foundations of Law and Justice

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1. What is the primary role of the legislative branch of government?

A) To interpret the law
B) To enforce the law
C) To make the law
D) To investigate crimes

2. Which document serves as the supreme law of Australia?

A) The Magna Carta
B) The Australian Constitution
C) The Crimes Act
D) The High Court Rules

3. What is the standard of proof required in a criminal trial?

A) Balance of probabilities
B) Beyond reasonable doubt
C) Clear and convincing evidence
D) Preponderance of evidence

4. Who is the legal representative of the Crown in Australia at the federal level?

A) The Prime Minister
B) The Chief Justice
C) The Governor-General
D) The Speaker of the House

5. What is the name of the legal principle where courts follow decisions made by higher courts in similar cases?

A) Statute law
B) Common law
C) Stare decisis
D) Bicameralism

6. Which court is the highest court in the Australian judicial system?

A) Supreme Court
B) District Court
C) Federal Court
D) High Court

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7. In the Australian Parliament, what is the 'lower house' called?

A) The Senate
B) The House of Representatives
C) The Legislative Council
D) The High Court

8. What is a 'statute' in legal terminology?

A) A court decision
B) An Act of Parliament
C) A police report
D) A legal opinion

9. Which term describes the separation of powers between the legislature, executive, and judiciary?

A) Federalism
B) Tripartite system
C) Constitutional division
D) Representative democracy

10. What is the 'burden of proof' in a civil trial usually known as?

A) Beyond reasonable doubt
B) Balance of probabilities
C) Prima facie evidence
D) Strict liability

11. What is the primary function of the judiciary?

A) To create new political parties
B) To interpret and apply the law
C) To draft new legislation
D) To manage the national budget

12. Which of the following is a fundamental principle of the rule of law?

A) Trial by media
B) Equality before the law
C) Government secrecy
D) Unlimited executive power

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