Chapter 01 Law, Legal Reasoning, and the Legal Profession

Answer Key

**True / False Questions**

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| 1.*(p. 6)* |  The freedom of speech granted by the United States Constitution is an example of substantive law. **TRUE** |

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| 2.*(p. 6)* | Procedural law sets out the rights and duties governing people as they act in society.  **FALSE** |

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| 3.*(p. 6)* | Substantive law comprises rules as to what cases a court can decide, how a trial is conducted, and how a judgment by a court is to be enforced.  **FALSE** |

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| 4.*(p. 8)* | Most federal regulations are based on power given to Congress under the Constitution’s Privileges and Immunities Clause.  **FALSE** |

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| 5.*(p. 9)* | Under the notion of federalism, the United States has a uniform, centralized legal system.  **FALSE** |

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| 6.*(p. 9)* | In the United States, all states follow the same legal system.  **FALSE** |

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| 7.*(p. 9)* | Each state has a constitution that is similar to the U.S. Constitution in the design of the government it provides.  **TRUE** |

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| 8.*(p. 10)* | Statutory law varies from state to state.  **TRUE** |

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| 9.*(p. 11)* | Civil law arises when courts are called upon to resolve disputes for which there is no statute or other source of law to establish rules.  **FALSE** |

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| 10.*(p. 13)* | Most courts refer to a statute's legislative history when the language is unclear.  **TRUE** |

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| 11.*(p. 15)* | The Constitution prohibits ex post facto laws.  **TRUE** |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 1 EasyLearning Objective: 01-03 Analyze a case using the four steps in the process of legal interpretation.Topic: Law and Orderly Change* |

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| 12.*(p. 16)* | A legislature cannot change a common law rule by enacting a statute.  **FALSE** |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 1 EasyLearning Objective: 01-05 Explain how law is able to change despite stare decisis.Topic: Law and Orderly Change* |

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| 13.*(p. 17)* | Although legal positivism often creates harsh results by refusing to recognize equitable exceptions, it provides a great sense of predictability to the enforcement of legal rules.  **TRUE** |

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| 14.*(p. 17)* | Legal positivism thinkers recognize a higher set of rules that override the legitimacy of laws promulgated by political institutions.  **FALSE** |

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| 15.*(p. 23)* | The practice of preventive law requires a knowledgeable client as well as a knowledgeable lawyer.  **TRUE** |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 1 EasyLearning Objective: 01-07 Explain when the attorney-client privilege and work product privilege arise and when they are lost.Topic: Preventive Law* |

**Multiple Choice Questions**

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| 16.*(p. 5)* | Laws that seek to prevent certain practices that might reduce competition and thus increase prices are called \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A.  | tax laws |

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| B.  | consumer laws |

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| **C.**  | antitrust laws |

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| D.  | contract laws |

The U.S. legal system involves processes for social control. It consists of institutions such as legislatures and government agencies for the creation of rules of behavior. The antitrust laws seek to prevent certain practices that might reduce competition and thus increase prices. |

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| 17.*(p. 6)* | The right of self-defense is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A.  | civil law |

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| **B.**  | substantive law |

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| C.  | criminal law |

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| D.  | procedural law |

Substantive law sets out the rights and duties governing people as they act in society. Substantive law establishes rights and privileges. An example is the right to defend yourself if physically attacked—the so-called right of self-defense. |

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| 18.*(p. 6)* | Which of the following is an example of procedural law?

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| A.  | The privilege of receiving food stamps |

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| **B.**  | The rules as to how a court's decision is to be enforced |

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| C.  | The right of self-defense |

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| D.  | The freedom of speech granted by the U.S. Constitution |

Procedural law establishes the rules under which the substantive rules of law are enforced. Rules as to what cases a court can decide, how a trial is conducted, and how a judgment by a court is to be enforced is all part of procedural law. |

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| 19.*(p. 6)* | Which of the following statements is true of criminal law?

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| A.  | It is concerned with private duties owed by one person to another. |

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| B.  | It is completely procedural. |

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| **C.**  | It defines breaches of duty to society at large. |

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| D.  | It refers to the duty of corporations to exercise reasonable care with regard to other corporations. |

Criminal law defines breaches of duty to society at large. It is society, through government employees called prosecutors (such as district attorneys), that brings court action against violators. |

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| 20.*(p. 6)* | If a person carelessly runs a car into yours, that person has committed the:

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| **A.**  | civil tort of negligence. |

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| B.  | substantive tort of negligence. |

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| C.  | criminal tort of negligence. |

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| D.  | procedural tort of negligence. |

If someone carelessly runs a car into yours, that person has committed the civil wrong (tort) of negligence. Suit for the breach of a civil duty must be brought by the person wronged. Generally, the court does not seek to punish the wrongdoer but rather to make the wronged party whole through a money award called damages. |

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| 21.*(p. 7)* | Punitive damages are also called \_\_\_\_\_ damages.

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| A.  | special |

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| **B.**  | exemplary |

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| C.  | liquidated |

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| D.  | nominal |

Although the civil law generally does not aim to punish, there is an exception. If the behavior of someone who commits a tort is outrageous, that person can be made to pay punitive damages (also called exemplary damages). Unlike a fine paid in a criminal case, punitive damages go to the injured party. |

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| 22.*(p. 10)* | The \_\_\_\_\_ is the most widely adopted uniform law.

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| A.  | Uniform Criminal Code |

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| B.  | Interstate Commerce Treaty |

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| **C.**  | Uniform Commercial Code |

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| D.  | Multistate Criminal Compact |

The Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), which regulates a variety of commercial transactions, is the most widely adopted uniform law. The legislatures of all 50 states have enacted the UCC in some form. |

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| 23.*(p. 10)* | Local legislation regulating zoning and noise levels are examples of \_\_\_\_\_.

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| **A.**  | ordinances |

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| C.  | administrative rules |

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| D.  | administrative decisions |

Governmental units within the states, such as cities and counties, also have the power to legislate. Their enactments are called ordinances. Local legislation regulating zoning and noise levels are examples of ordinances. |

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| 24.*(p. 10)* | The first federal regulatory agency was the \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A.  | Federal Trade Commission |

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| **B.**  | Interstate Commerce Commission |

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| C.  | Securities and Exchange Commission |

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| D.  | Occupational Safety and Health Administration |

The first federal regulatory agency was the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), which was organized by a statute passed in 1887. |

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| 25.*(p. 10)* | Which of the following statements is true of independent agencies?

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| A.  | They are headed by the president. |

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| B.  | They are a part of the executive branch of the government. |

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| **C.**  | They are headed by a board or commission. |

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| D.  | They are given authority only to enforce rules made by the Congress. |

Independent agencies are agencies that are not really part of the executive branch of the government under the control of the president. Rather, they are headed by a board or commission. Although the members are nominated by the president, approximately half of them must be from each major political party, and their appointment is confirmed by the Senate for fixed terms. |

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| 26.*(p. 11)* | Common law arises when:

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| **A.**  | courts are called upon to resolve disputes for which there is no statute or other source of law establishing a rule. |

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| B.  | constitutional statutes are found to interfere with the freedom of expression. |

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| C.  | there are statutes and other sources of law establishing a particular rule and the courts decide to improvise this existing statutory law. |

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| D.  | the government wishes to encourage certain kinds of investments. |

Court-created law is called common law. It arises when courts are called upon to resolve disputes for which there is no statute or other source of law establishing a rule. |

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| 27.*(p. 12)* | Under the power of judicial review, \_\_\_\_\_.

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| **A.**  | a judge may render a legal rule unenforceable by declaring it in conflict with a constitution |

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| B.  | lower courts may decide that higher court decisions are not valid |

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| C.  | private persons are not allowed to create legally binding obligations as they do not have the power to contract |

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| D.  | the court may override the acts of the Constitution |

Courts make law through their authority to interpret the meaning of the other sources of law (constitutions, statutes, etc.). Under the power of judicial review, a judge may render a legal rule unenforceable by declaring it in conflict with a constitution. |

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| 28.*(p. 12)* | According to private law, private persons may:

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| **A.**  | create legally binding agreements through their power to contract. |

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| B.  | enter into contracts, but the contracts will not be upheld in court. |

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| C.  | create their own rules when there is no prior statute. |

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| D.  | make their own rules only after studying practice of similar precedents. |

Private persons may create legally binding obligations on one another through their power to contract. When people enter into contractual agreements, the courts generally enforce their terms. But private law is subordinate to the other sources of law. As such, contracts are unenforceable when they conflict with the other sources of law or public policy. |

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| 29.*(p. 13)* | A useful tool for understanding and persuading that combines basic analytical thinking with recognition of the special features of the underlying legal system is \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A.  | sociological jurisprudence |

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| B.  | legal positivism |

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| **C.**  | legal reasoning |

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| D.  | analytical reasoning |

Legal reasoning is a useful tool for understanding and persuading. It combines basic analytical thinking with recognition of the special features of the underlying legal system. Legal reasoning is a type of critical thinking that proves useful in both legal and nonlegal situations. |

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| 30.*(p. 15)* | The constitutional prohibition of *ex post facto* laws:

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| **A.**  | applies to statutory law. |

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| B.  | aims to minimize the possibility of failure if the business has to go to court to enforce its rights. |

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| C.  | applies to common law. |

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| D.  | gives lawyers a great deal of discretion in selecting an appropriate strategy for handling a legal dispute. |

The constitutional prohibition of *ex post facto* laws applies to statutory law. This means a new statute applies only to actions taken after it becomes effective. Since one cannot adjust one's conduct to a statute not yet passed, this requirement is essential to justice. The constitutional prohibition of *ex post facto* laws does not apply to common or decisional law. |

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| 31.*(p. 15)* | The feature of decisional law in common law systems which says that a court, in making a decision, should follow the rulings of prior cases that have similar facts is \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A.  | *caveat emptor* |

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| B.  | *ex post facto laws* |

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| **C.**  | *stare decisis* |

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| D.  | *contra proferentem* |

*Stare decisis* is the feature of decisional law in common law systems that is most important in permitting orderly change. The Latin phrase *stare decisis* means "to adhere to decided cases." This doctrine says that a court, in making a decision, should follow the rulings of prior cases that have similar facts (precedents). |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 1 EasyLearning Objective: 01-04 Make a legal decision by applying the three-step stare decisis process.Topic: Law and Orderly Change* |

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| 32.*(p. 15)* | *Stare decisis*:

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| A.  | renders law rigid and unchanging. |

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| **B.**  | lends predictability to decisional law by relying on prior decisions. |

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| C.  | means a new statute applies only to actions taken after it becomes effective. |

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| D.  | creates harsh results by refusing to recognize equitable exceptions. |

*Stare decisis* lends predictability to decisional law by relying on prior decisions. This promotes a degree of consistency among judicial decisions. |

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| 33.*(p. 15-16)* | According to the doctrine of *stare decisis*, \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A.  | the constitutional prohibition of *ex post facto* laws applies to common or decisional law |

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| B.  | a legislature cannot override *stare decisis* and change a common law rule by enacting a statute |

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| C.  | the highest appeals court in a jurisdiction cannot overrule a precedent case |

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| **D.**  | a court has considerable freedom in picking precedent cases |

*Stare decisis* does not render law rigid and unchanging. A court has considerable freedom in picking precedent cases. Seldom are all of the facts in a case exactly the same as in an earlier case. Therefore, the judge or lawyer can choose, within limits, which facts to emphasize and which to disregard in seeking precedent cases. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: UnderstandDifficulty: 2 MediumLearning Objective: 01-05 Explain how law is able to change despite stare decisis.Topic: Law and Orderly Change* |

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| 34.*(p. 17)* | Legal positivist judges:

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| A.  | consider public policy and their own sense of morality when interpreting the law. |

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| **B.**  | confine their legal analysis to the plain meaning of the words. |

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| C.  | believe that law must always look to equitable exceptions to statutes and other legal rules. |

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| D.  | recognize a higher set of rules that override the legitimacy of laws promulgated by political institutions. |

Legal positivist judges confine their analysis to the plain meaning of the words and, when necessary, to the legislative history in order to strictly follow the will of the lawmakers. Legal positivists are unlikely to consider public policy and their own sense of morality when interpreting the law. |

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| 35.*(p. 17)* | Natural law thinkers believe that:

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| **A.**  | law and morality are not separate. |

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| B.  | there is no law superior to that promulgated by political institutions. |

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| C.  | all laws should have an environmental focus. |

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| D.  | natural law provides the level of predictability attained by legal positivism. |

Natural law thinkers recognize a higher set of rules that override the legitimacy of laws promulgated by political institutions. They disagree with the idea that law and morality are separate. Thus, natural law judges consider their own sense of morality and may refuse to enforce statutes they believe are unjust. |

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| 36.*(p. 18)* | Sociological jurisprudence maintains that:

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| A.  | legal decisions should be based on short-term social goals. |

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| **B.**  | courts must look beyond the plain meaning of a statute to consider the law's legislative purpose. |

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| C.  | courts should not consider their perceptions of the prevailing public policies in interpreting statutes. |

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| D.  | the law is the command of legitimate political institutions. |

Legal sociologists have a vision for where society is going or should be going and make decisions that promote this social agenda. When interpreting statutes they look beyond the plain meaning of the words and fully consider the legislative purpose as well as their perceptions of the prevailing public policies. |

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| 37.*(p. 18)* | \_\_\_\_\_ believe that decisions are often more attributable to the biases and moods of decision makers than they are to the formal legal rules that are supposed to determine the outcome.

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| **A.**  | Legal realists |

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| B.  | Legal positivists |

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| C.  | Legal sociologists |

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| D.  | Natural law thinkers |

Legal realism focuses on law in action rather than on the theoretical rules themselves. It stresses that law must be considered in light of its day-to-day application. They believe that decisions are often more attributable to the biases and moods of decision makers than they are to the formal legal rules that are supposed to determine the outcome. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 1 EasyLearning Objective: 01-06 Read a judicial decision and identify which school of legal jurisprudence the judge has followed.Topic: Jurisprudence* |

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| 38.*(p. 19)* | The adversary system is characterized by:

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| **A.**  | the idea that ultimate truth and justice will prevail if each party to a dispute is represented by competent attorneys providing the strongest possible representation. |

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| B.  | the view that attorneys can be given free reign if they do not violate legal and ethical rules designed to ensure the fair operation of the judicial process. |

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| C.  | the unconditional free reign granted to judges. |

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| D.  | the notion that the effective functioning of the judicial system will be undermined if a client does not feel free to speak with his or her attorney. |

The adversary system is premised on the notion that the ultimate truth and, consequently, justice will prevail if each party to a legal dispute is represented by competent legal counsel. Each attorney is then expected to provide the strongest legal representation for her client. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: UnderstandDifficulty: 2 MediumLearning Objective: 01-06 Read a judicial decision and identify which school of legal jurisprudence the judge has followed.Topic: The Legal Profession* |

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| 39.*(p. 20)* | Lee was arrested for public intoxication. Shortly after being charged with this offense, he wrote a letter to his attorney explaining the circumstances surrounding his arrest. The letter is considered:

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| A.  | privileged communication under the work product privilege. |

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| **B.**  | privileged communication under the attorney-client privilege. |

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| C.  | privileged communication under legal positivism. |

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| D.  | privileged communication under legal realism. |

The letter written by Lee to his attorney explaining the circumstances surrounding his arrest is considered to be privileged communication under the attorney-client privilege. The privilege is derived from the notion that the effective functioning of the judicial system will be undermined if a client does not feel free to speak fully and honestly with his attorney. The existence of the privilege is not dependent upon the attorney actually being retained since it may be necessary to disclose confidential information in the course of persuading a lawyer to take a case. |

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| *AACSB: Reflective ThinkingBlooms: ApplyDifficulty: 3 HardLearning Objective: 01-07 Explain when the attorney-client privilege and work product privilege arise and when they are lost.Topic: The Legal Profession* |

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| 40.*(p. 20)* | Which of the following is true of the attorney-client privilege?

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| A.  | The privilege does not apply until the attorney is actually retained by a client. |

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| B.  | An attorney is allowed to divulge confidential information communicated by a client in the course of seeking legal advice. |

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| **C.**  | A client must feel free to speak fully and honestly with his attorney if the judicial system is to function effectively. |

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| D.  | The privilege covers statements made in the presence of people other than the attorney or the attorney's subordinates. |

The attorney-client privilege is an important feature of the U.S. legal profession. This rule prevents an attorney from divulging confidential information communicated to the lawyer by a client or potential client in the course of seeking to retain the attorney or otherwise seeking legal advice. The privilege is derived from the notion that the effective functioning of the judicial system will be undermined if a client does not feel free to speak fully and honestly with his attorney. Further, the attorney-client privilege generally does not cover statements made in the presence of people other than the lawyer or her subordinates. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: UnderstandDifficulty: 2 MediumLearning Objective: 01-07 Explain when the attorney-client privilege and work product privilege arise and when they are lost.Topic: The Legal Profession* |

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| 41.*(p. 20)* | In addition to statements made to an attorney, the attorney-client privilege covers:

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| **A.**  | information divulged to an attorney's subordinates, such as secretaries or paralegals. |

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| B.  | statements made in the presence of people other than the lawyer or the lawyer's subordinates. |

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| C.  | statements made to a law-enforcement officer. |

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| D.  | statements made only after the attorney is actually retained by a client. |

The attorney-client privilege is an important feature of the U.S. legal profession. This rule prevents an attorney from divulging confidential information communicated to the lawyer by a client or potential client in the course of seeking to retain the attorney or otherwise seeking legal advice. The privilege covers information divulged to an attorney's subordinates (secretaries or paralegals). |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: UnderstandDifficulty: 2 MediumLearning Objective: 01-07 Explain when the attorney-client privilege and work product privilege arise and when they are lost.Topic: The Legal Profession* |

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| 42.*(p. 20-21)* | The work product privilege:

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| A.  | prevents an attorney from divulging confidential information communicated to the lawyer by a client or potential client in the course of seeking to retain the attorney or otherwise seeking legal advice. |

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| B.  | covers information divulged to an attorney's subordinates, such as secretaries or paralegals. |

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| **C.**  | considers a lawyer to be an officer of the court who is bound to work for the advancement of justice while faithfully protecting the rightful interests of his clients. |

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| D.  | is derived from the notion that the effective functioning of the judicial system will be undermined if a client does not feel free to speak fully and honestly with his or her attorney. |

The work product privilege considers a lawyer to be an officer of the court who is bound to work for the advancement of justice while faithfully protecting the rightful interests of his clients. In performing his various duties, however, it is essential that a lawyer work with a certain degree of privacy, free from unnecessary intrusion by opposing parties and their counsel. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: UnderstandDifficulty: 2 MediumLearning Objective: 01-07 Explain when the attorney-client privilege and work product privilege arise and when they are lost.Topic: The Legal Profession* |

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| 43.*(p. 22)* | When a lawyer agrees to represent a client, the lawyer agrees to:

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| A.  | the reality that he will be liable for malpractice if he loses the case. |

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| **B.**  | exercise the skill, prudence, and diligence expected of lawyers of ordinary skill and competence in the community. |

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| C.  | the probability that a court will likely second-guess the legal strategy he chooses to use in representing his client. |

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| D.  | the reality that the courts are likely to second-guess his professional judgment. |

By accepting employment as the client's lawyer, an attorney agrees to exercise the skill, prudence, and diligence expected of lawyers of ordinary skill and competence in the community. The lawyer does not guarantee that the client will win a lawsuit. Thus, he is not necessarily liable for malpractice when the client loses. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: UnderstandDifficulty: 2 MediumLearning Objective: 01-07 Explain when the attorney-client privilege and work product privilege arise and when they are lost.Topic: The Legal Profession* |

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| 44.*(p. 22)* | In the business world, the goal of preventive law is to increase profits by:

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| A.  | imposing higher inheritance and income taxes on wealthy people. |

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| **B.**  | avoiding losses through fines and damage judgments. |

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| C.  | involving the client in the business-planning process. |

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| D.  | creating unenforceable contracts. |

The objectives of preventive law are to arrange business plans and methods to increase profits by (1) avoiding losses through fines and damage judgments and (2) reaching business goals through enforceable contracts while avoiding government prohibitions. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: UnderstandDifficulty: 2 MediumLearning Objective: 01-07 Explain when the attorney-client privilege and work product privilege arise and when they are lost.Topic: Preventive Law* |

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| 45.*(p. 22)* | One objective of preventive law is to arrange business plans and methods to increase profits by \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A.  | honoring legal obligations while avoiding ethical obligations |

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| **B.**  | reaching business goals through enforceable contracts while avoiding government prohibitions |

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| C.  | strictly adhering to the socioeconomic view of the social responsibility of business  |

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| D.  | prioritizing the interests of corporate stockholders over the interests of other stakeholders |

The objectives of preventive law are to arrange business plans and methods to increase profits by (1) avoiding losses through fines and damage judgements and (2) reaching business goals through enforceable contracts while avoiding government prohibitions. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 2 MediumLearning Objective: 01-07 Explain when the attorney-client privilege and work product privilege arise and when they are lost.Topic: Preventive Law* |

**Short Answer Questions**

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| 46.*(p. 5)* | List the four basic functions of law.  The basic functions of law are 1) keeping the peace; 2) enforcing rules to maintain order; 3) facilitating planning; and 4) promoting social justice. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 1 EasyLearning Objective: 01-01 Identify the basic functions of law.Topic: The Nature of Law* |

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| 47.*(p. 6-7)* | Describe the difference between criminal and civil law. What are the penalties that accompany violations of each?  Criminal law defines breaches of duty to society at large, while civil law defines breaches of private duties owed by one person (including corporations) to another.Violations of criminal law are punishable by fine or imprisonment. In a civil action, the court does not seek to punish the wrongdoer but to make the wronged party whole through a money award called damages. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: UnderstandDifficulty: 2 MediumLearning Objective: 01-01 Identify the basic functions of law.Topic: Classifications of Law* |

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| 48.*(p. 9)* | List the primary sources of law.  There are numerous sources of law within each of the 51 legal systems in the United States. The primary sources are: 1) constitutions; 2) treaties; 3) statutes; 4) administrative rules and decisions; 5) executive orders; 6) judicial systems; and 7) private law. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 1 EasyLearning Objective: 01-02 Describe the various sources of law.Topic: Sources of Law* |

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| 49.*(p. 13-14)* | Describe the four steps in the process of legal interpretation.  The four steps in the process of legal interpretation are: 1) look to the plain meaning of the language, 2) examine the legislative history of the rule, 3) consider the purpose to be achieved by the rule, and 4) try to accommodate public policy. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 1 EasyLearning Objective: 01-03 Analyze a case using the four steps in the process of legal interpretation.Topic: Legal Reasoning* |

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| 50.*(p. 15)* | Define the three steps involved in applying *stare decisis*.  Three steps are involved in applying *stare decisis*: 1) finding an earlier case or cases with similar facts; 2) deriving a rule of law; and 3) applying that rule to the case at hand. |

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| *AACSB: AnalyticBlooms: RememberDifficulty: 1 EasyLearning Objective: 01-04 Make a legal decision by applying the three-step stare decisis process.Topic: Law and Orderly Change* |