BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPLORATIONS IN SOCIAL STUDIES 11 (MEPSS-11) · UNIT C · 25 QUESTIONS

Law, Justice and Social Issues — Practice Test

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Reading I - A Bike and a Broken Promise

Use this reading for questions 1 to 3.

Last spring, Maya lent her bicycle to a neighbour, who promised to return it in one week. The neighbour kept it for two months, rode it every day, and returned it with a broken wheel. Maya asked the neighbour to pay for the repair, and the neighbour refused.

Maya went to small claims court, where a judge heard both sides and ordered the neighbour to pay for the repair. Maya told her friend that this was different from a criminal case she had seen on television, where the police laid a charge and the accused could go to jail.

1 **The main idea of Reading I is that a dispute over a borrowed bike can be a civil matter, different from a**



A criminal case where the state lays a charge

B traffic ticket for parking only

C contract that nobody signed

D case with no judge at all

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2 **According to Reading I, Maya used small claims court to seek**

A payment for the repair of her bike

B a jail sentence for the neighbour

C a new bicycle from the police

D a criminal conviction

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3 **According to Reading I, the criminal case on television differed because there the police laid a charge and the accused could**

- A go to jail
- B pay for a repair only
- C avoid court entirely
- D sue for damages only

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4 **Criminal law in Canada deals mainly with conduct the state treats as an offence against**

- A one person only, with no public interest
- B a single business contract
- C society as a whole, prosecuted by the Crown
- D a private will only

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Civil law in Canada deals mainly with private disputes between people or organizations, often over

A prison sentences alone

B military orders

C compensation, contracts, or property

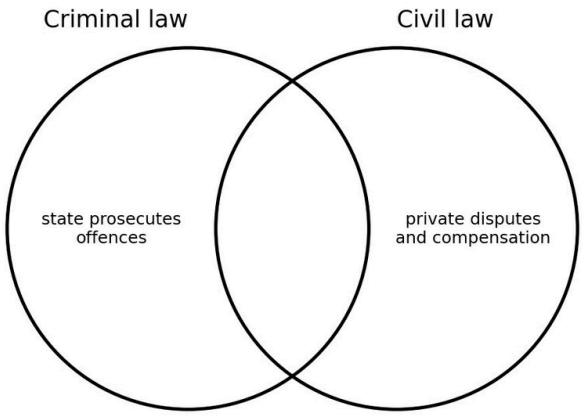
D election results only

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A) newspapers only

B) schools only

C) courts

D) private homes only

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7 **In a criminal trial in Canada, the Crown must prove guilt beyond a**



A balance of probabilities

B slight suspicion

C reasonable doubt

D guess

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8 **In a civil trial in Canada, the person bringing the claim must usually prove the case on a balance of**

- A reasonable doubt
- B suspicions
- C probabilities
- D opinions

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9 **The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, adopted in 1982, protects fundamental freedoms including freedom of**

- A speech with no limits at all
- B driving without a licence
- C travel only within one city
- D conscience, religion, thought, and expression

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10 **A limit on a Charter right must be reasonable and demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society under section**

A 1

B 7

C 15

D 33

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11 **Section 7 of the Charter protects life, liberty, and security of the person, and the right not to be deprived of them except in**

A any way the police choose

B cases involving youth only

C exchange for a fine

D accordance with principles of fundamental justice

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12 **Section 15 of the Charter guarantees equality before and under the law, and equal protection and benefit of the law without**

A any exceptions at all

B a lawyer

C a trial

D discrimination

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13 **When arrested in Canada, a person has the right to know the reason for the arrest and to**

A refuse all contact with anyone

B choose the arresting officer

C leave the country at once

D retain and instruct counsel without delay

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14 **A jury trial in Canada for a serious criminal offence is heard by a judge and a jury of**

A 3

B 6

C 12

D 24

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15 **A contract in Canada generally requires an offer, acceptance, consideration, and**



A a signature in gold ink

B a criminal charge

C approval by a jury

D an intention to create legal relations

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16 **Negligence in tort law means a person failed to take reasonable care and that failure caused**

A harm to another person

B a criminal conviction at once

C a new law to be passed

D an election result

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17 **Defamation in civil law concerns a false statement published to others that harms a person's**



A property value only

B passport

C voting rights only

D reputation

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18 **Human rights law in BC protects people from discrimination in areas such as employment and services on grounds including race, sex, and**

A favourite sport

B disability

C favourite food

D hair colour alone

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19 **Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes and affirms existing Aboriginal and treaty rights of the**

A Indigenous peoples of Canada

B provinces only

C federal cabinet only

D cities of Canada

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20 **Private law in Quebec follows mainly the civil law tradition. The common law tradition is used in most of**

A France

B the rest of Canada

C the United States only

D Mexico

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21 **Social justice concerns fairness in how society shares resources, opportunities, and**

A weather

B rights among its members

C mountains

D ocean currents

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22 **Access to safe housing, food, and health care are often discussed as social justice issues because they affect a person's ability to**



A vote in another country

B live with dignity and take part in society

C own a car

D travel in space

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23 **Mediation as a way to resolve a dispute involves a neutral third party who helps the sides**

- **A** impose a jail sentence
- **B** reach their own agreement
- **C** decide the case alone
- **D** cancel all laws

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24 **A contemporary legal debate in Canada about online privacy concerns how much personal information companies and governments should be allowed to**



A collect, use, and share

B ignore completely

C sell without any rules at all

D keep secret from courts

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A contemporary debate about hate speech in Canada concerns how to balance freedom of expression with protection from

A all criticism of government

B speech that promotes hatred against protected groups

C all advertising

D all political speeches

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ANSWER KEY

1.	A	**10.**	A	**19.**	A
2.	A	**11.**	D	**20.**	B
3.	A	**12.**	D	**21.**	B
4.	C	**13.**	D	**22.**	B
5.	C	**14.**	C	**23.**	B
6.	C	**15.**	D	**24.**	A
7.	C	**16.**	A	**25.**	B
8.	C	**17.**	D		
9.	D	**18.**	B		

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