BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPLORATIONS IN SOCIAL STUDIES 11 (MEPSS-11) · UNIT C · 5 QUESTIONS

Law, Justice and Social Issues — Practice Test

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Reading II - A Poster, a Protest, and a Limit

Use this reading for questions 1 to 2.

A group of students planned a peaceful protest outside city hall and made posters criticising a new city bylaw. The city said the protest could go ahead in a nearby park, but not block the main road into the hospital.

One student said the move violated freedom of expression. Another said every right has limits when public safety is at stake. Their teacher said the Charter protects expression, but courts can uphold limits that are reasonable and justified, and the students should look at the reasons the city gave.

1 **The main idea of Reading II is that a Charter freedom such as expression can be limited when a limit is**

- **A** reasonable and justified, as with public safety
- **B** imposed for no reason at all
- **C** decided by one student alone
- **D** applied only to posters

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2 **A white and red ambulance drives on a city road toward the camera. According to Reading II, the city allowed the protest in a nearby park but not blocking the road into the**



A hospital

B school

C shopping mall

D library

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3 **Precedent in common law means courts generally follow decisions made in earlier similar cases, which helps the law stay**

- A secret from the public
- B consistent and predictable
- C changed every day
- D decided by coin toss

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4 **The Supreme Court of Canada is the highest court in Canada, and its decisions apply across the**

- A province of Ontario only
- B city of Ottawa only
- C whole country
- D United Kingdom only

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5 **The notwithstanding clause in section 33 of the Charter allows a legislature to override certain Charter rights for a limited period of**

A 1 year

B 20 years

C 5 years

D 50 years

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. C

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