BRITISH COLUMBIA LAW STUDIES 12 (MLST-12) · UNIT A · 10 QUESTIONS

Foundations of Law and the Canadian Legal System — Practice Test

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1 **Indigenous legal traditions in Canada are best described as**

- **A** distinct legal orders that continue to be recognized in Canadian law
- **B** rules that apply only outside Canada
- **C** federal statutes only
- **D** laws that no longer exist

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2 **A court clerk mainly**

A sets tax rates

B decides the verdict

C keeps court records and manages court files and proceedings

D prosecutes the accused

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3 **A justice of the peace in British Columbia may**

A pass federal statutes

B deal with bail, warrants, and some less serious matters

C overrule the Supreme Court of Canada

D appoint the prime minister

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4 **A notary public in British Columbia may prepare documents such as**

- **A** criminal charges against any person
- **B** federal treaties
- **C** appeals to the Supreme Court of Canada
- **D** wills and real estate documents within a limited scope

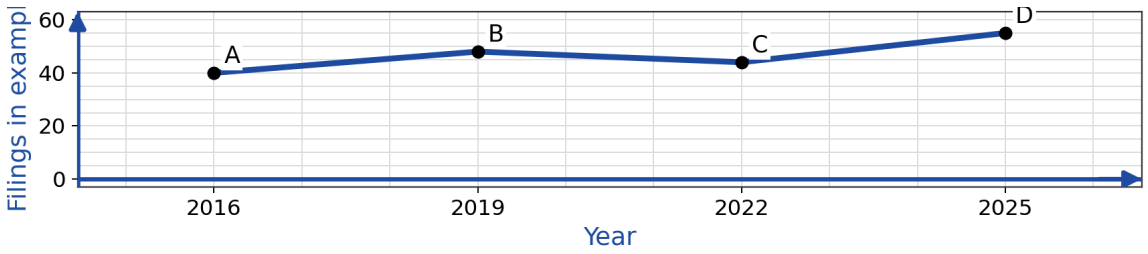
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5 **Canada uses an adversarial system, which means that**

- **A** the opposing parties present their cases and an impartial judge or jury decides
- **B** the police decide the verdict
- **C** the public votes on the verdict
- **D** the judge investigates the case alone

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6 **The graph shows an illustrative example of court filings. The overall change from 2016 to 2025 was**



A a fall to zero

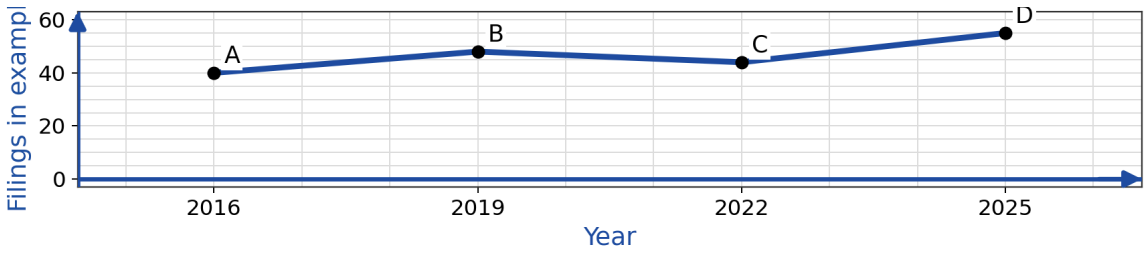
B no change at all

C a rise, with filings higher in 2025 than in 2016

D a rise in every single year with no dip

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7 **The graph shows an illustrative example of court filings. The year with the highest number shown is**



- **A** 2022
- **B** 2025
- **C** 2016
- **D** 2019

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8 **A common barrier to access to justice is that**

- **A** there are too many judges
- **B** laws are never written down
- **C** courts are open only at night
- **D** legal help and court processes can be costly and hard to understand

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9 **A difference between law and morality is that law is**

A enforceable by the state through courts and penalties

B never written down

C based only on personal opinion

D optional for everyone

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10 **A precedent is best described as**

A a speech by a lawyer

B a law passed yesterday

C an earlier court decision that guides later similar cases

D a police report

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. A
6. C
7. B
8. D
9. A
10. C

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