

MAJOR FIELD TEST IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The following questions illustrate the range of the test in terms of the abilities measured, the disciplines covered, and the difficulty of the questions posed. They should not, however, be considered representative of the entire scope of the test in either content or difficulty. An answer key follows the questions.

1. According to Article 3 of the Constitution, which of the following statements about the United States Supreme Court is true?
 - (A) It must be composed of one chief justice and eleven associate justices.
 - (B) It must hear all cases brought before it.
 - (C) It has both original and appellate jurisdiction.
 - (D) It cannot initiate challenges to legislative acts.
 - (E) It must sit in Washington, D.C.
2. The three main elements of the classical theory of criminal justice are
 - (A) causation, deterrence, and rationality of punishment
 - (B) apprehension plus probability and swiftness of punishment
 - (C) swiftness, severity, and certainty of punishment
 - (D) probability, severity, and frequency of punishment
 - (E) excessiveness, harshness, and certainty of punishment
3. The primary reason for traffic law enforcement is to
 - (A) improve the public image of the policy
 - (B) raise money
 - (C) provide emergency assistance
 - (D) prevent accidents
 - (E) emphasize equity in law enforcement
4. When police corruption is caused by external factors, the best management strategies are those that improve
 - (A) police supervision
 - (B) police morale
 - (C) police officers' salaries
 - (D) community relations
 - (E) discipline
5. All of the following are advantages of probation and parole over imprisonment, EXCEPT
 - (A) lower cost
 - (B) increased opportunity for rehabilitation
 - (C) increased opportunity for restitution
 - (D) increased use of community services
 - (E) increased public safety
6. The management and administration of the majority of law enforcement agencies is the responsibility of
 - (A) the Fraternal Order of Police
 - (B) the Congress
 - (C) the Supreme Court
 - (D) state governments
 - (E) local governments
7. The law of retaliation is also known as
 - (A) *mens rea*
 - (B) *scienter*
 - (C) *mala in se*
 - (D) *lex talionis*
 - (E) *lex apparens*

ANSWER KEY

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| 1. C | 5 E |
| 2. C | 6 E |
| 3. D | 7 D |
| 4. A | |



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