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Chapter 2 Policing in the American Context

2.1 Multiple Choice Questions

1) Which is a feature of federalism?

- A) Government based on the consent of the governed
- B) Social, economic, and political pluralism
- C) Power divided between a centralized governing body and various constituent units
- D) Values of tolerance, pragmatism, cooperation, and compromise

Answer: C

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Objective: Explain how the U.S. government's features of democracy and federalism impact policing.

Level: Intermediate

2) The fact that Americans disagree over whether eavesdropping on domestic phone conversations by federal antiterrorism investigators is necessary for security or a threat to democratic values demonstrates which "pillar" of democracy?

- A) Social, economic, and political pluralism
- B) Sovereignty of the people
- C) Constitutional limits on government
- D) Guarantee of basic human rights

Answer: A

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3) How does federalism help facilitate democracy?

- A) The federal government funds state activities
- B) It promotes participation at all levels of government
- C) Federal and state governments share powers in certain areas
- D) It divides the work of government among many agencies at many levels

Answer: B

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4) What distinguishes dual federalism from federalism?

- A) There are two centers of power, rather than one
- B) There are more meetings between levels of government
- C) Powers not vested in the federal government are left to the states
- D) Powers must be strictly divided, rather than shared out as needed

Answer: C

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5) Which document ensures that the government of the United States cannot go too far without answering to the people?

- A) The U.S. Constitution
- B) The Bill of Rights
- C) The Fourth Amendment
- D) The Fifth Amendment

Answer: B

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6) Which is the best definition of democracy?

- A) A form of government that vests supreme authority in the people
- B) A form of government with elected officials who hold power
- C) A form of government with a Congress
- D) A form of government with an executive, legislative, and judicial branch

Answer: A

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7) All of these are ways that other government officials and agencies can affect law enforcement agencies EXCEPT with one?

- A) Hiring and firing the police chief
- B) Making funding decisions
- C) Making decisions that affect the activities of officers on patrol
- D) Disciplining a police officer

Answer: D

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Objective: Identify various elements of the policing environment in America and explain their influence on the practice of policing.

Level: Basic

8) Most local governments, no matter what their form, include which element?

- A) A council
- B) A weak mayor
- C) A strong mayor
- D) A city manager

Answer: A

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Level: Intermediate

9) Under what circumstances is city council likely to approve a mayor's desire to fire the police chief without specific cause?

- A) When the local government is of the strong-mayor type
- B) When the replacement is known, so the department won't be leaderless
- C) When a new mayoral administration is taking office
- D) When the police chief is older than sixty

Answer: C

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Level: Intermediate

10) All of the following may be tasks of the police commission EXCEPT which one?

- A) Reviewing department rules and regulations
- B) Shadowing officers to evaluate their performance
- C) Investigating charges of department wrongdoing
- D) Reviewing the chief's proposed budget

Answer: B

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Level: Basic

11) How long is the typical tenure of a law enforcement administrator?

- A) Short
- B) Medium
- C) Long
- D) Very long

Answer: A

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Level: Basic

12) Which of these was a key effect, on police departments, of passage of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994?

- A) Stricter penalties for violent crimes, keeping criminals off the streets longer
- B) Broadened powers for law enforcement, resulting in more convictions
- C) Longer penalties for first time offenders, dissuading juveniles from criminal activity
- D) Increased funding through grants to local agencies, allowing additional hiring

Answer: D

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Level: Intermediate

13) In jurisdictions in which a grand jury is used, police officers may be called upon to do which of the following?

- A) Testify before the grand jury
- B) Guard the suspect
- C) Present charges before the grand jury
- D) Search the suspect

Answer: A

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Basic

14) Which of the following does NOT affect whether a trial is held?

- A) The defendant's plea in response to the charges
- B) The grand jury's decision to bring charges
- C) The prosecutor's decision to bring charges
- D) The severity of the charge, minor or serious

Answer: D

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Level: Intermediate

15) Which of the following most typically happens immediately after booking?

- A) Bringing the suspect before a grand jury
- B) Placing the suspect in a holding cell
- C) Giving the suspect a breathalyzer test
- D) Having the suspect participate in a lineup

Answer: B

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Level: Intermediate

16) Which of these is NOT a phase in the criminal justice process?

- A) The arrest phase
- B) The pretrial phase
- C) The trial phase
- D) The after trial phase

Answer: A

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Level: Basic

17) Under what conditions does a prosecutor decide to bring charges against a suspect?

- A) If the crime is severe enough to warrant it
- B) If the evidence is persuasive enough to be compelling
- C) If the community is disturbed enough to demand justice
- D) If the suspect is likely enough to plead guilty

Answer: B

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18) Which of the following is a significant difference between the convening of a grand jury and a criminal trial?

- A) Police officers do not testify before grand juries
- B) The prosecutor has no role in a grand jury investigation
- C) Suspects are not present and cannot offer testimony in their defense
- D) Testimony presented before a grand jury cannot be used at the trial

Answer: C

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Level: Intermediate

19) Which police organization has the mission of promoting "global and cultural friendship among peace officer"?

- A) International Association of Chiefs of Police
- B) National Black Police Association
- C) International Union of Police Association
- D) International Police Association

Answer: D

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Level: Intermediate

20) Which best describes the role of a public information officer?

- A) A police department's spokesman, responsible for fielding media inquiries
- B) A police department's public relations person, responsible for department image
- C) A police department's representative on the board of a news organization
- D) A police department's specialist hired by media outlet

Answer: A

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Level: Basic

2.2 True/False Questions

1) Minority rights are one of the features of democracy.

Answer: TRUE

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Level: Intermediate

2) Police must meet specific legal requirements before they can enter a private residence.

Answer: TRUE

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Level: Basic

3) If the Constitution does not specifically vest a power in the states, it automatically belongs to the federal government.

Answer: FALSE

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Level: Basic

4) Federalism has resulted in a unified law enforcement system for the United States.

Answer: FALSE

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Level: Basic

5) By far, the most significant environmental factor in law enforcement is the community.

Answer: TRUE

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Level: Basic

6) Citizens can influence law enforcement by all three branches of government.

Answer: TRUE

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Objective: Identify various elements of the policing environment in America and explain their influence on the practice of policing.

Level: Basic

7) Citizens can influence law enforcement organizations through the political process.

Answer: TRUE

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Level: Intermediate

8) For every 4,000 to 5,000 citizens, there is roughly one sworn law enforcement officer.

Answer: FALSE

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Level: Intermediate

9) Law enforcement cannot protect citizens without their support.

Answer: TRUE

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Level: Basic

10) City councils are supposed to be apolitical.

Answer: FALSE

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Objective: Identify various elements of the policing environment in America and explain their influence on the practice of policing.

Level: Intermediate

11) The IUPA is more a lobbying organization than a professional association.

Answer: TRUE

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Objective: Identify various elements of the policing environment in America and explain their influence on the practice of policing.

Level: Intermediate

12) All media coverage is inadequate when it comes to portrayals of the police.

Answer: FALSE

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Level: Intermediate

13) The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has a research center that conducts police-related research and posts the results, usually online.

Answer: TRUE

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Objective: Identify various elements of the policing environment in America and explain their influence on the practice of policing.

Level: Basic

14) Membership in the National Black Police Association is not open to officers who are not African-American.

Answer: FALSE

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Objective: Identify various elements of the policing environment in America and explain their influence on the practice of policing.

Level: Intermediate

15) The International Union of Police Associations (IUPA) is more accurately described as a lobbying organization than as a professional organization.

Answer: TRUE

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Objective: Identify various elements of the policing environment in America and explain their influence on the practice of policing.

Level: Basic

16) Police are least involved in the phase of the criminal justice system that takes place after the trial.

Answer: TRUE

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Basic

17) Peace officers may assist prosecutors as investigators.

Answer: TRUE

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Basic

18) The investigating officers are involved in the sentencing phase of the criminal justice system.

Answer: FALSE

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Intermediate

19) The second phase of the criminal justice system is the pretrial phase.

Answer: FALSE

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Basic

20) Police officers work more closely with corrections officials than with prosecutors.

Answer: FALSE

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Basic

2.3 Short Answer Questions

1) To fully describe the American government, one must refer both to the fact that it is a democracy and also mention that its government structure is characterized by _____.

Answer: Federalism

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2) A confederation differs from a federalist system in having no _____ governing authority.

Answer: Central

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Level: Intermediate

3) Tensions in the relationships between levels of law enforcement (federal, state, and local) can result in tensions over jurisdiction known as _____ wars.

Answer: Turf

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Level: Intermediate

4) The elements of the organizational environment for the police include the community, government agencies, other police and criminal justice agencies, and the _____.

Answer: Media

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Level: Intermediate

5) A third of the population does not view the police favorably, and a significant percentage of that third is composed of _____.

Answer: Minorities

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Level: Intermediate

6) A key difference between the council-manager form of local government and the mayor council form lies in whether or not they have a(n) _____ manager.

Answer: City

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Level: Intermediate

7) The branch of government that influences the police through grant funding is the _____ branch.

Answer: Legislative

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Objective: Identify various elements of the policing environment in America and explain their influence on the practice of policing.

Level: Basic

8) The branch of government that influences the police through decisions that "trickle down" is the _____ branch.

Answer: Judicial

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Level: Basic

9) In a large city, the executive body that sets policy for and oversees a police department is the police _____.

Answer: Commission

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Level: Basic

10) Depending on the local form of government, the city council, the city manager, or the _____ may have authority over city operations including, to a greater or lesser, extent, the police department.

Answer: Mayor

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Level: Intermediate

11) Controlling the presentation of information in order to achieve a desired public perception is known as _____ management.

Answer: Impression

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Level: Basic

12) Achieving a balance between simple reporting facts, on the one hand, and putting a "spin" on facts to create a desired impression is called _____ discipline.

Answer: Dramaturgical

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Level: Basic

13) If a defendant pleads guilty, then a _____ is not necessary.

Answer: Trial

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Level: Basic

14) The blurring of one's professional mission is known as mission _____.

Answer: Distortion

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Level: Basic

15) Probation officers and parole officers are two types of _____ officials.

Answer: Corrections

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Level: Intermediate

2.4 Matching Questions

Match up the organization in the left column to the description in the right column.

A) Parent organization for all local and regional associations for black police professionals

B) World's largest police professional organization

C) International association for all executive officers

D) International association for rank-and-file officers

1) International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

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Objective: Discuss the influence of various environmental factors on policing.

Level: Basic

2) National Black Police Association

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Objective: Discuss the influence of various environmental factors on policing.

Level: Basic

3) International Union of Police Associations (IUPA)

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Objective: Discuss the influence of various environmental factors on policing.

Level: Basic

4) International Police Association (IPA)

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Objective: Discuss the influence of various environmental factors on policing.

Level: Basic

Answers: 1) C 2) A 3) D 4) B

Place these elements of one possible path through the criminal justice process in chronological order.

- A) Sixth
- B) Third
- C) First
- D) Second
- E) Fifth
- F) Seventh
- G) Eighth
- H) Fourth

5) Police officers search the suspect.

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Level: Intermediate

6) Investigating and/or arresting police officers testify.

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Intermediate

7) The prosecutor brings charges against the suspect.

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Intermediate

8) The suspect is booked.

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Intermediate

9) The case is set for trial.

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Intermediate

10) Police officers arrest a suspect.

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Intermediate

11) The defendant pleads not guilty.

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Intermediate

12) The police present their case to the prosecutor.

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Objective: Summarize the police role in the criminal justice process.

Level: Intermediate

Answers: 5) D 6) G 7) E 8) B 9) F 10) C 11) A 12) H

2.5 Essay Questions

1) Impression management can lead to inaccuracies in portrayals of police work, just as inaccurate media reports can. Give examples of how this might happen.

Answer: Students should note that by attempting to create a favorable image, a wide range of unfavorable information may be suppressed or downplayed, just as the media may suppress or downplay information that does not seem calculated to be riveting for viewers. Student examples should effectively compare inaccurate and incomplete presentations by both parties with realistic (though not necessarily real) examples.

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Level: Difficult

2) Law enforcement administrators are hired and fired by political authorities. What are the likely effects on how law enforcement administrators conduct themselves?

Answer: Students should point out that to be successful, law enforcement administrators may feel compelled to "play politics." This may result in their making choices to obtain favor and avoid offense rather than do what is best for their departments. If they do not do these things, they run a greater risk of being fired.

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Level: Intermediate

3) Explain the interdependence between police officers and prosecutors.

Answer: The police officers start the process by finding suspected criminals and filing a report or contacting the prosecutor. The prosecutor takes the next step when they decide to bring charges against the suspect. Prosecutors and police officers contribute to investigation to build the case, which the prosecutor presents, often using the evidence of arresting and investigating officers.

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Level: Basic

2.6 Critical Thinking Questions

1) Explain how democracy, by its very nature, leads inevitably to crime. Give examples of how criminals' activities are facilitated by democracy's tenets.

Answer: Answers will vary. Students should note that the protection of individual rights and individual privacy provides the opportunity for criminal activity to be planned clandestinely, to sometimes escape detection when it is carried out, and to be difficult to document during the investigation stage. Examples should demonstrate these points.

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Level: Difficult

2) What types of factors might result in an unfavorable view of the police by citizens?

Answer: Answers will vary. Students should mention strained racial relations. Other factors could include past experience, having been arrested or falsely accused of a crime, the behavior of individual police officers, or the amount of unsolved crime in the community.

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Level: Intermediate