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Easy

Multiple Choice (17)

Q1. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to the text, stories about violent crime make up almost _____ percent of all news time.

a) 10
b) 33 ✓ correct
c) 50
d) 75

Q2. *[Multiple Choice]*

In criminal justice, _____ refers to the understanding of what constitutes good or bad behavior.

a) discretion
b) comprehension
c) decision
d) ethics ✓ correct

Q3. *[Multiple Choice]*

In the courts, the person charged with a criminal offense is referred to as the _____.

a) offender
b) defendant ✓ correct
c) prosecutor
d) plaintiff

Q4. *[Multiple Choice]*

Packer suggests that the _____ model of justice resembles an obstacle course.

a) crime control
b) due process ✓ correct
c) wedding cake
d) bureaucratic

Q5. *[Multiple Choice]*

The American criminal justice system is broadly shaped after which of the following?

a) Roman civil law
b) Ten Commandments
c) English common law ✓ correct
d) Code of Hammurabi

Q6. *[Multiple Choice]*

The _____ are tasked with investigating crime and apprehending people believed to have committed a crime.

a) police ✓ correct
b) media
c) corrections
d) courts

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Q7. *[Multiple Choice]*

The _____ model believes that the criminal justice system should suppress and control criminal behavior to protect society.

a) crime control ✓ correct
b) due process
c) wedding cake
d) bureaucratic

Q8. *[Multiple Choice]*

The decision-making power of criminal justice agents is called _____.

a) discretion ✓ correct
b) choice
c) comprehension
d) ethics

Q9. *[Multiple Choice]*

The main goal of the _____ model of justice is the protection of individual rights and freedoms.

a) crime control
b) due process ✓ correct
c) wedding cake
d) bureaucratic

Q10. *[Multiple Choice]*

The maximum punishment for a misdemeanor crime is _____.

a) community supervision, such as probation
b) less than one year in jail ✓ correct
c) life in prison, with the possibility of parole
d) the death penalty

Q11. *[Multiple Choice]*

The top of the wedding cake model represents _____.

a) misdemeanor cases
b) lower-level felony cases
c) upper-level felony cases
d) high-profile cases ✓ correct

Q12. *[Multiple Choice]*

What are the three major components of the criminal justice system?

a) police, attorneys, and judges
b) police, courts, and corrections ✓ correct
c) attorneys, judges, and prisons
d) police, courts, and prisons

Q13. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following types of cases are generally portrayed on reality TV?

a) misdemeanors
b) lower-level felony cases
c) upper-level felony cases
d) high-profile cases ✓ correct

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Q14. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following types of crimes are overemphasized in television entertainment?

a) murder ✓ correct
b) motor vehicle theft
c) driving under the influence
d) fraud

Q15. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following types of models demonstrates how cases are treated differently by the criminal justice system?

a) due process
b) crime control
c) wedding cake ✓ correct
d) bureaucratic

Q16. *[Multiple Choice]*

Who is responsible for ensuring that the rights of the person accused are upheld in the criminal justice process?

a) district attorney
b) defense counsel ✓ correct
c) presiding judge
d) arresting officer(s)

Q17. *[Multiple Choice]*

_____ are considered to be serious crimes that can be punished by more than one year in prison.

a) Misdemeanors
b) Felonies ✓ correct
c) Status offenses
d) Infractions

True/False (13)

Q18. *[True/False]*

Crime is present in reality TV programming.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q19. *[True/False]*

Ethics in criminal justice refers to the understanding of what constitutes good or bad behavior.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q20. *[True/False]*

Felonies are crimes that are punished by less than one year in jail.

a) True
b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q21. *[True/False]*

In the crime control model, plea agreements are considered to be essential tools.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q22. *[True/False]*

Misdemeanor offenses, which make up the majority of offenses in the criminal justice system, comprise the top layer of the wedding cake model of justice.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q23. *[True/False]*

Politics played a significant role in the development of our criminal justice.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q24. *[True/False]*

The American criminal justice system was shaped by the traditions of the French common law system.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q25. *[True/False]*

The criminal code during early colonial times was uniform across all of the colonies.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q26. *[True/False]*

The decision-making power of criminal justice agents is called discretion.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q27. *[True/False]*

The main goal of the due process model is to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q28. *[True/False]*

The mass media has little power in shaping individuals' perceptions of crime and justice.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q29. *[True/False]*

The three components of the criminal justice system are the police, courts, and corrections.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q30. *[True/False]*

The "CSI Effect" refers to the impact that crime related television viewing has on the criminal justice system.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Medium

Multiple Choice (30)

Q31. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to William Penn, prisons should also be used to _____ individuals.

a) only punish
b) deter, punish, and rehabilitate
c) incapacitate, reform, and punish ✓ correct
d) punish and rehabilitate

Q32. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to the CSI effect, crime is usually portrayed in which of the following ways?

a) graphic ✓ correct
b) sparse
c) calculated
d) nonviolent

Q33. *[Multiple Choice]*

According to the author, viewers of nonfiction television shows can experience _____.

a) decreased fear of crime
b) increased fear of crime ✓ correct
c) increased desire to go into law enforcement
d) decreased desire to go into law enforcement

Q34. *[Multiple Choice]*

Believing that a jury has quick access to evidence and DNA analysis from a crime scene is considered to be part of the _____.

a) crime control model
b) wedding cake model
c) CSI effect ✓ correct
d) due process model

Q35. *[Multiple Choice]*

In the American criminal justice system, the first point of contact is generally _____.

a) judges
b) police officers ✓ correct
c) prosecutors
d) bondsmen

Q36. *[Multiple Choice]*

In which of the following cases is a jury more likely to be responsible for determining the sentence for a guilty individual?

a) capital punishment ✓ correct
b) driving while under the influence
c) aggravated assault
d) petty theft

Q37. *[Multiple Choice]*

One of the major critiques of the _____ model of justice is that the criminal justice system infringes on the constitutional rights of the people.

a) crime control ✓ correct
b) due process
c) wedding cake
d) bureaucratic

Q38. *[Multiple Choice]*

Probation services fall under which of the following components of the criminal justice system?

a) police
b) courts
c) corrections ✓ correct
d) media

Q39. *[Multiple Choice]*

Proponents of the _____ model of justice would want to incarcerate people to protect society.

a) crime control ✓ correct
b) due process
c) wedding cake
d) bureaucratic

Q40. *[Multiple Choice]*

The crime control model focuses on which of the following?

a) efficiency ✓ correct
b) rehabilitation
c) reform
d) effectiveness

Q41. *[Multiple Choice]*

The crime control model is often aligned with a more _____ perspective.

a) liberal
b) socialist
c) moderate
d) conservative ✓ correct

Q42. *[Multiple Choice]*

The due process model embodies more of a _____ perspective.

a) liberal ✓ correct
b) socialist
c) moderate
d) conservative

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Q43. *[Multiple Choice]*

The three agencies of the criminal justice system _____.

a) are independent of one another
b) are solely dependent on one another
c) function in relationship to the others and as separate entities ✓ correct
d) are completely unaware of each other's responsibilities

Q44. *[Multiple Choice]*

Under the crime control model, which of the following is considered to be an essential tool?

a) pre-sentence investigation reports
b) plea bargains ✓ correct
c) sentencing guidelines
d) jurisdiction

Q45. *[Multiple Choice]*

What does the "CSI Effect" refer to?

a) popularity of popular crime television shows
b) impact the criminal justice system has on the media
c) impact the criminal justice system has on society
d) impact that crime TV shows have on the criminal justice system ✓ correct

Q46. *[Multiple Choice]*

What is the relationship between confirmation bias and fake news?

a) There is no relationship between confirmation bias and fake news.
b) People highly susceptible to confirmation bias are more likely to believe fake news. ✓ correct
c) People highly susceptible to confirmation bias are less likely to believe fake news.
d) People highly susceptible to confirmation bias are more likely to call out fake news stories.

Q47. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which model of justice resembles an assembly line?

a) due process
b) crime control ✓ correct
c) wedding cake
d) bureaucratic

Q48. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following are responsible for carrying out the punishment imposed on people convicted of committing crimes?

a) police
b) courts
c) corrections ✓ correct
d) media

Q49. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following are responsible for determining whether someone should be charged with a crime?

a) police
b) media
c) corrections
d) courts ✓ correct

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Q50. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following is a punishment for committing a felony crime?

a) less than one year in jail
b) probation
c) life without the possibility of parole ✓ correct
d) one year in jail

Q51. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following statements best explains the expression “if it bleeds, it leads”?

a) Murder is the most common crime, and the United States leads all other countries in murder rates.
b) Murder is the most common crime, so media outlets frequently report murder stories.
c) Crime stories are popular in society, so the media chooses to display them frequently. ✓ correct
d) Viewing of popular crime drama shows on television has caused an increase in crime rates.

Q52. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following statements pertaining to the crime control model is true?

a) The model focuses on the rights of incarcerated persons.
b) Trials are viewed as a necessity.
c) The focus is on swift and severe punishments. ✓ correct
d) The model embodies a more liberal perspective.

Q53. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following statements pertaining to the influence of the media on public policy in the criminal justice system is true?

a) The public’s concern cannot be inflamed by inaccurate data.
b) The public’s perception of rising crime rates can contribute to a lack of faith in the system. ✓ correct
c) Politicians do not typically respond to the public’s fears regarding crime.
d) Agents of criminal justice tend to decrease patrols and not pass tough legislation.

Q54. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which of the following types of cases make up the majority of those in the criminal justice system?

a) misdemeanors ✓ correct
b) lesser felonies
c) serious felonies
d) high-profile

Q55. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which statement pertaining to the due process model is true?

a) It protects the rights and freedoms of individuals. ✓ correct
b) Criminal justice is seen as an assembly line.
c) Punishment should be swift and severe.
d) It infringes on the rights of individuals.

Q56. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which statement portrays the relationship between crime programming and personal attitudes about crime?

a) Fictional-based program viewers tend to be more fearful of personal victimization.
b) Reality-based program viewers tend to have more favorable attitudes.
c) Reality-based program viewers tend to have more punitive attitudes. ✓ correct
d) There is no relationship between reality-based television and attitudes about crime.

Q57. *[Multiple Choice]*

Which type of cases is most likely to involve the media and the potential for significant penalties?

a) misdemeanor
b) lower-level felony
c) upper-level felony
d) high-profile ✓ correct

Q58. *[Multiple Choice]*

Who among the following criminal justice professionals is considered to be an impartial moderator of the court process?

a) district attorney
b) defense counsel
c) presiding judge ✓ correct
d) arresting officer(s)

Q59. *[Multiple Choice]*

Who among the following individuals is tasked with reviewing the information and determining what charges, if any, will be filed against a person?

a) judge
b) police officer
c) prosecutor ✓ correct
d) public defender

Q60. *[Multiple Choice]*

_____ are generally handled with plea agreements without significant incarceration sentences.

a) Lower-level felony cases and misdemeanors ✓ correct
b) Misdemeanors and upper-level felony cases
c) Upper-level and lower-level felony cases
d) High-profile and upper-level felony cases

True/False (12)

Q61. *[True/False]*

Cases receiving a great deal of media coverage fall in the bottom tier of the wedding cake model of justice.

a) True
b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q62. *[True/False]*

Crimes of murder are underemphasized in television entertainment.

a) True
b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q63. *[True/False]*

Discretion is a powerful tool in the criminal justice system.

a) True ✓ correct
b) False

Correct answer: True

Q64. *[True/False]*

Ethics helps guide discretion in the criminal justice system.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q65. *[True/False]*

In order to proceed with a case, the prosecutor must prove they have probable cause that the accused committed the crime.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q66. *[True/False]*

Justice under the due process model is said to resemble an “assembly line.”

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q67. *[True/False]*

One of the major differences between the middle layers of the wedding cake is whether the offense is violent in nature.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q68. *[True/False]*

The crime control model focuses on consistency and efficiency in the criminal justice process.

a) True ✓ correct

b) False

Correct answer: True

Q69. *[True/False]*

The police are charged with determining whether a defendant should be charged with a crime.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q70. *[True/False]*

The sole responsibility of the jury is to determine the defendant’s guilt or innocence.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q71. *[True/False]*

The three components of the criminal justice system operate independently from one another.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Q72. *[True/False]*

Under the crime control model, one could argue that it is better for the guilty to go free than to risk incarcerating or executing the innocent.

a) True

b) False ✓ correct

Correct answer: False

Essay (11)

Q73. *[Essay]*

Explain how in the crime control model, criminal justice is viewed as an "assembly line," and in the due process model it is viewed as an "obstacle course."

Suggested answer: *Sample response: With the crime control model, the criminal justice system is viewed as a factory. The purpose of the system is to be swift and efficient in case processing. Therefore, this model often uses plea bargains because they most quickly result in the greatest amount of convictions. On the other hand, the due process model views it as an obstacle course. The criminal justice system consists of several legal challenges that must be satisfied to hold someone accountable for a criminal action. It is important to ensure that the system has done everything according to correct procedure.*

Q74. *[Essay]*

Explain how reality TV impacts the public.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: For people who watch reality TV shows based on the criminal justice system, perceptions of crimes are based on the skewed presentation of high-profile cases, usually of unusual crimes or motives. People may think they know the law because they have watched these shows, but these shows are often inaccurate.*

Q75. *[Essay]*

Explain how the media can impact individuals' understanding about the operations of the criminal justice system.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: The media impacts how people misrepresent the operations of the criminal justice system. For example, the media likes to show DNA evidence, so people believe that DNA evidence should be presented in every case. The media also make it seem as though cases are solved in one day, when it is a much longer process.*

Q76. *[Essay]*

Explain how the three components of the criminal justice system function independently of one another and how they are also dependent on one another.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Each agency has independent operations, regulations, and purposes. Moreover, each agency is responsible for a different function in the system. In regards to their dependence on one another, each agency depends on the decisions of the other agencies. For example, the courts depend on the decisions of the police which determine their caseload and evidence. Corrections rely on the decision of the courts to incarcerate individuals or supervise them in the community.*

Q77. *[Essay]*

Explain the importance of discretion in the criminal justice system.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Discretion is the decision-making power of criminal justice agents. Practitioners, such as police, prosecutors, and judges, use discretion in their jobs on a daily basis. It is important that they are making ethical decisions that do not infringe upon the rights of individuals.*

Q78. *[Essay]*

Explain the importance of ethics in the criminal justice system.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Ethics in criminal justice refers to the understanding of what constitutes good or bad behavior. Because criminal justice practitioners have a lot of discretion, it is important that their decisions are ethical.*

Q79. *[Essay]*

Explain the major function of the three components of the criminal justice system.

> ***Suggested answer:*** *Sample response: Police are responsible for investigating crime and apprehending people who may have committed a crime. The courts determine whether someone should be charged with a crime. They also manage the process to determine whether individuals should be held criminally responsible. Moreover, the courts also determine if someone is guilty and the punishment for those who are convicted. Corrections carry out the punishment as ordered by the court.*

Q80. *[Essay]*

Explain the philosophy behind the crime control model.

> ***Suggested answer:*** *Sample response: The crime control model believes that the most important function of the criminal justice system is to suppress and control criminal behavior as a function of public order in society. Therefore, its purpose is to punish people who commit crimes for the sake of society.*

Q81. *[Essay]*

Explain the philosophy behind the due process model.

> ***Suggested answer:*** *Sample response: The due process model believes that the protection of individual rights and freedoms is of utmost importance. It emphasizes that individuals be treated fairly throughout the entirety of the criminal justice process.*

Q82. *[Essay]*

Explain the “CSI Effect.”

> ***Suggested answer:*** *Sample response: The CSI effect refers to the effect that popular crime dramas such as “Crime Scene Investigation” has on real issues of criminal justice. For example, people watch these crime shows and think that cases are solved as quickly and easily as they are on TV.*

Q83. *[Essay]*

Explain two ways in which the media can impact individuals’ views and attitudes on crime and the criminal justice system.

> ***Suggested answer:*** *Sample response: Viewers of reality-based crime programming have more punitive attitudes on crime, an effect not found for viewers of fictional-based crime dramas. Moreover, viewers of nonfiction television shows are more fearful of crime.*

Hard

Multiple Choice (5)

Q84. *[Multiple Choice]*

Braxton is currently serving eight years in prison after being convicted of a single offense. Because of the length of his sentence, we can say that Braxton was convicted of a(n) _____.

a) infraction
b) misdemeanor
c) felony ✓ correct
d) status offense

Q85. *[Multiple Choice]*

Bret is a prosecutor who was raised in an abusive home. He is known to selectively seek out and interpret evidence to support his preexisting beliefs about people who engage in domestic violence. What is this phenomenon?

a) fake news
b) crime control
c) confirmation bias ✓ correct
d) due process

Q86. *[Multiple Choice]*

Cases, such as the O.J. Simpson murder case, would fall under which of the following layers of the criminal justice wedding cake?

a) misdemeanors
b) lesser felonies
c) serious felonies
d) high profile ✓ correct

Q87. *[Multiple Choice]*

Sherry stole $200 worth of property from a local mall. In her state, this is punishable by up to one year in prison. Because of this punishment, we can say that the offense is most likely a(n) _____.

a) infraction
b) misdemeanor ✓ correct
c) felony
d) status offense

Q88. *[Multiple Choice]*

There was a shooting at a mall in the Midwest. The person who committed it, a staunch conservative, opened fire because he had read on 4chan that the mall was a hub for child sex trafficking. This is an example of _____.

a) corrections
b) confirmation bias
c) discretion
d) fake news ✓ correct

Essay (5)

Q89. *[Essay]*

Discuss a potential ethical problem with discretion. Provide an example.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: People working in criminal justice may have differing views on issues. For example, an officer who works in a state in which marijuana is not legal may not see smoking marijuana as a problem. Therefore, they do not arrest people on marijuana possession, even though it is illegal in their jurisdiction. They are letting their own views on what is right or wrong dictate the decisions they make on the job.*

Q90. *[Essay]*

Explain the bottom layer of the wedding cake model of justice. Include one example of a case that would fall into this layer.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: The bottom layer of the cake represents misdemeanors. Misdemeanors are the majority of cases that are handled by the criminal justice system, and they are the least serious types of crimes. An example of a misdemeanor that would represent the bottom layer of the cake is petty theft.*

Q91. *[Essay]*

Explain the differences between the middle layers of the wedding cake model. Include one example of a case that would fall into each of these layers.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Both of the middle layers constitute felonies. The second layer consists of "lesser felonies." These are typically nonviolent in nature, and the majority of felony offenses in society fall in this category. One example would be a felony drug offense. The third layer is composed of serious felonies, which are typically violent in nature. One example would be rape.*

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Q92. *[Essay]*

Explain the top layer of the wedding cake model. Include one example of a case that would fall into this layer.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: The top layer of the cake consists of high-profile cases. These are cases with a great deal of media coverage and/or cases involving a well-known person such as a celebrity or famous athlete. The O.J. Simpson case would be one example of a high-profile case.*

Q93. *[Essay]*

How does ethics play a role in the criminal justice system? Provide an example.

Suggested answer: *Sample response: Ethics in criminal justice is what constitutes good or bad behavior. As agents of criminal justice exercise their discretion, they may face ethical challenges about which course of action is the most appropriate. As key players in the system have a significant amount of discretion, they will face many choices. For example, a police officer might pull over someone suspected of driving under the influence. That officer then realizes that the person driving the vehicle is his own brother. The officer will then have to decide if they will do the right thing in this situation.*