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Social Studies

Making the laws of The Bahamas

Multiple Choice



1. Which type of law is known as unwritten law?
 - a) common law
 - b) civil law
 - c) statute law
 - d) criminal law
2. If the new law does not follow the rules of the constitution, it is deemed "unconstitutional". What does the word "**unconstitutional**" mean? [1]
 - a) government lawyers
 - b) written law
 - c) against the law
 - d) a legal document
3. When a Bill is approved, it is signed by the _____ and becomes an Act of Parliament. [1]
 - a) Prime Minister
 - b) Governor General
 - c) President of the Senate
 - d) Leader of the Opposition
4. Wearing your seatbelt while driving a motor vehicle is an example of which type of law? [1]
 - a) statute law
 - b) civil law
 - c) common law
 - d) criminal law
5. Who makes the proposal for a new law? [1]
 - a) The Prime Minister and his cabinet.
 - b) The minister responsible for that ministry.
 - c) The Royal Bahamas Police Force.
 - d) The Governor General and important diplomats.

Choose true or false for each statement. [1 point each]

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| 6. New laws must not conflict with existing laws. | True | False |
| 7. Legal draftsmen sign the Bill to make it law. | True | False |
| 8. The Bahamas was a British colony but none of our laws are based on the British laws. | True | False |
| 9. A bill is usually read four times before it is passed. | True | False |
| 10. Common law deals with disputes between private citizens. | True | False |



11. Identify this building where laws are discussed and passed.

_____ [1]

12. Identify any two (2) forms of media.

_____ and _____ [2]

13. What is the job of the special group of people known as the '*select committee*'? [1]

14. What is the definition of the word '*debate*'? [1]

15. Who is the present Governor General of The Bahamas? [1]

16. By the time the Bill comes up for debate or discussion in the House of Assembly, the public would have learned about it from the media. How does feedback from the public help the MP's? [1]
