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Social Studies

The Work of the Law Courts



Choose the correct answer.

1. Which is NOT a job of the law courts in The Bahamas?
 - a. To punish criminals
 - b. To decide whether a defendant is guilty or not
 - c. To settle disputes between citizens
 - d. To bring defendants to court

2. Where can young female defendants go if they are found guilty of a crime?
 - a. Fox Hill Prison
 - b. Simpson Penn Boys' Centre
 - c. Willie Mae Pratt Girls' Centre
 - d. Juvenile Court

3. Jackson had his armed robbery case heard in the Court of Appeal. If his case is appealed, which court would then hear his case?
 - a. There is no other court.
 - b. The Privy Council
 - c. The Supreme Court
 - d. The Magistrates' Court

4. Who decides whether someone is innocent or guilty in the Supreme Court?
 - a. Family Island Administrator
 - b. judge
 - c. jury
 - d. magistrate

5. The Family Island Administrator is extremely sick and cannot try a case. Which would be the most likely solution to this problem?
 - a. A constable would try the case.
 - b. The case would be postponed until he/she is well.
 - c. A Justice of the Peace would try the case.
 - d. The case would be sent to New Providence to be tried there.



Match the person/group with the description below.

Family Island Administrator

Magistrate

Judge

Justice of the Peace

6. _____ An official who presides over cases in the Supreme Court.
7. _____ An official who judge cases involving traffic offences
8. _____ An official who does legal work such as preparing affidavits.

Write T for true or F for false to describe the statements below.

9. ____ The Family Island Administrator would try a murder case on San Salvador.
10. ____ Everyone who commits a crime goes to jail.
11. ____ A tourist cannot be arrested for a crime.



Choose the court to which the following statements refer.

12. This court deals with crimes such as murder, rape and armed robbery. _____
13. The highest court in The Bahamas _____
14. This court is located in London England. _____
15. If Fred is arrested for driving with expired plates he goes to this court. _____
16. Cases involving minors as defendants are sent to this court. _____
17. Any decision made in this court is final. _____
18. Cases in this court are often in the media. _____

Think about it!

19. Do you think that law courts are important in today's society? Explain your answer fully with at least two points. (2 marks)
