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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)

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