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Social Studies

# Making the laws of The Bahamas



Match the words/terms to their meaning by writing the letter of the word next to its meaning.

1. _____ to discuss	a. Act of Parliament
2. _____ ways of communicating	b. debate
3. _____ a proposal in Parliament to become law	c. unconstitutional
4. _____ against the law	d. media
	e. Bill

Complete the following using the words from the box below.

## civil

## criminal

## statute

common

5. \_\_\_\_\_ law is unwritten law while \_\_\_\_\_ law is written.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ law deals with disputes between private citizens while \_\_\_\_\_ law deals with the punishment of offenders.

Choose the correct answer.

7. Which is an example of civil law?  
a) Armed Robbery                    b) Divorce                    c) Kidnapping                    b) Murder

8. What is the term used to describe the introduction of the Bill to Parliament?  
a) Act of Parliament                b) First Reading                c) Legal Language                d) Select Committee

9. Who writes new laws?  
a) The Governor-General                    b) The Prime Minister  
c) Legal Draftsmen                        d) The Minister whom the Bill is responsible

10. Which of the following is NOT true?  
a) New laws must follow the constitution.  
b) Bahamian laws are based on British laws.  
c) After the Bill is passed in the House of Assembly it is sent to the Cabinet.  
d) Sometimes a Bill is referred to a select committee.

11. Why are laws sometimes difficult to understand?  
a) Difficult words are used.  
b) They use legal language that has its own meaning.  
c) It is written in another language.  
d) Small print is used.

12. Who are legal draftsmen?

a) Members of Parliament      b) Cabinet Ministers      c) Lawyers      d) Members of the Media

13. After the first reading of the Bill in Parliament, the public will have learnt about it from the media. Which is NOT an example of media?

a) Eye Witness News      b) Esso Gas Station      c) Nassau Guardian      d) ZNS

14. Number the following 1-5 according to how laws are made.

a) \_\_\_\_\_ Senators discuss the Bill.

b) \_\_\_\_\_ The Bill is signed by the Governor-General.

c) \_\_\_\_\_ Lawyers in the cabinet study the Bill.

d) \_\_\_\_\_ The Bill is introduced and debated in The House of Assembly.

e) \_\_\_\_\_ The Minister responsible asks for the Bill to be written.



Fill in the blanks.

15. Another name for common law is \_\_\_\_\_ law.

16. A Bill is normally read \_\_\_\_\_ times before it becomes a law.

Let's Discuss! Do you think that it is important for a Bill to be debated in the Senate? Explain why or why not with at least TWO reasons to support your position. (3 marks)

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