Rights & Responsibilities: Crime and Punishment Notes

Reasons why persons break rules or commit crimes in society

There are many reasons why persons break rules or commit crimes in society. Some of these reasons include anger, poverty, greed, jealousy, and self-defense. Most crimes are committed because individuals lack self-discipline and self-control.

Penalties for various crimes in society

When individuals are arrested for breaking laws or committing crimes, they are tried in a court of law and punished for their behaviour. Penalties for crime vary from the paying of fines to spending time in jail. Some persons are even executed.

Consequences of sin and crime on the wider community

Crime causes persons in the community to be fearful and even angry. People try to protect themselves by securing their homes, churches, and other buildings. People are often less trusting of their neighbours and persons who visit the community.

Read the news article about a crime written in The Tribune below.

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A MAN was sent to prison Friday after admitting to stealing a woman's car battery and an assortment of items from a local grocery store last month.
He appeared before Magistrate Kendra Kelly, charged with two counts of stealing, one count each of trespassing and unlawful possession.
The charges stem from allegations that he trespassed at Lil General's Convenience Store sometime between April 25-26 and stole $1,665 worth of household and food items from the store while being concerned with others.
Police also alleged that on May 5, the accused stole a car battery while in the Marathon Road area and was found in possession of an epic car battery and clarion CD player, which were suspected to have been stolen.
The man pleaded guilty to all of the charges during his hearing on Friday.
However, his sentencing was deferred to Wednesday and he was remanded to the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services (BDCS) until that time.

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Instructions: Choose the best answer for the question.

1.Which is **NOT** a reason why people break rules or commit crimes?

A. to become a good citizen

B. because of anger

C. because of poverty

D. because of greed

2.What may happen if a person is arrested for breaking laws or committing crimes?

A. They are punished for their actions.

B. People pretend nothing happened.

C. People cheer for them when they commit a crime.

Instructions: Choose **TRUE** or **FALSE** for each sentence.

3.Many people commit crimes because they have self-control. **TRUE** **FALSE**

4.People commit crimes because of just one reason only. **TRUE** **FALSE**

5.An example of a penalty for a crime is paying a fine. **TRUE** **FALSE**

6.No person has ever been put to death for a crime they committed. **TRUE** **FALSE**

7.Some people who do not trust persons who are strangers to their neighborhood. **TRUE** **FALSE**

8.According to the news article, the man did not get punished for his crime. **TRUE** **FALSE**

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