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CHAPTER 8 QUIZ - © January 2006, Educational Textbook Company

1. Which of the following would NOT be considered part of the broad California judicial system?
(p. 107)
 - a. Commissions and the judicial council
 - b. Federal appeals court
 - c. Attorneys and the state bar
 - d. Peace officers

2. A serious breach of the public law (not individual rights) is a: (p. 108)
 - a. tort case.
 - b. criminal case.
 - c. civil case.
 - d. municipal case.

3. The party filing a civil action in court, or the state filing a case in a criminal action, is known as the: (p. 108)
 - a. propagator.
 - b. defendant.
 - c. plaintiff.
 - d. pro-council.

4. Courts for civil cases, where the current maximum judgment for the prevailing party is \$7,500, are called: (p. 109)
 - a. litigation courts.
 - b. small claims courts.
 - c. justice courts.
 - d. traffic courts.

5. The superior court would NOT hear cases involving: (p. 108)
 - a. marital dissolution.
 - b. guardianship petitions.
 - c. probate of estates.
 - d. local violations of federal law.

6. The superior court will hear civil cases (unlimited jurisdiction) when damages are in excess of: (p. 108)
 - a. \$15,000.
 - b. \$25,000.
 - c. \$30,000.
 - d. \$50,000.

7. All judges in California are elected: (p. 109)
- a. on a nonpartisan ballot.
 - b. only during general elections.
 - c. every six years.
 - d. every five years.
8. All appointments to the state supreme court by the governor must be confirmed by the: (p. 109-111)
- a. State Legislature.
 - b. State Bar Association.
 - c. Commission on Judicial Appointments.
 - d. All of the above.
9. The group charged with the responsibility of improving the efficiency of the entire state court system is called the: (p. 112)
- a. Judicial Fairness Committee.
 - b. Commission on Judicial Performance.
 - c. Judicial Council.
 - d. Senate Judicial Council.
10. A group of citizens, who serve for a period of one year and investigate criminal activity, county government, and issue reports to the public, is known as a: (p. 116)
- a. county Jury.
 - b. blue Ribbon Commission.
 - c. grand jury.
 - d. grand commission.