

## CHAPTER 9 - CALIFORNIA'S JUDICIARY

### TEST BANK

#### MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. Most Californian's knowledge of legal process is
  - A. extensive.
  - B. rather scant.
  - C. grossly ignorant.
  - D. complete.
  
2. Compared to federal courts, the "independent-state-grounds" doctrine allows California courts to be more
  - A. liberal or progressive.
  - B. moderate.
  - C. conservative.
  - D. reactionary.
  
3. In felony cases, trials are heard in
  - A. Superior Courts.
  - B. the Supreme Court.
  - C. Appellate courts.
  - D. Administrative courts.
  
4. Most superior court cases are
  - A. civil.
  - B. criminal.
  - C. juvenile.
  - D. domestic.
  
5. California's appellate courts look for
  - A. legal errors.
  - B. factual errors.
  - C. sentencing problems.
  - D. new witnesses.

6. A case that bypasses the appellate courts and is heard by the California Supreme Court relates to
  - A. insurance fraud.
  - B. death penalty.
  - C. attorney discipline.
  - D. initiative-related issues.
  
7. California Supreme Court justices number
  - A. 3.
  - B. 7.
  - C. 9.
  - D. 15.
  
8. Women comprise about what percentage of lawyers and judges?
  - A. 31%
  - B. 12%
  - C. 78%
  - D. 17%
  
9. In judicial elections voters tend to elect
  - A. prosecutors.
  - B. well-known lawyers.
  - C. incumbents.
  - D. Republicans.
  
10. The Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation considers appellate and supreme court nominees by
  - A. rejecting them.
  - B. rating them.
  - C. examines them.
  - D. approving them.

11. Learning to think and behave like a judge is called judicial
  - A. training.
  - B. socialization.
  - C. brainwashing.
  - D. education.
  
12. Some of the issues that the Commission on Judicial Performance investigates include all of the following EXCEPT
  - A. offensive courtroom behaviour.
  - B. disparaging the attorneys.
  - C. conviction of a felony.
  - D. sexual harassment.
  
13. California judges will be defeated if they make decisions contrary to
  - A. the political beliefs of most Californians.
  - B. the state Supreme Court.
  - C. the U.S. Supreme Court.
  - D. judicial canons.
  
14. A judge informs the accused of the charges during a(n)
  - A. preliminary hearing.
  - B. indictment.
  - C. arraignment.
  - D. pretrial hearing.
  
15. A change of venue involves changing
  - A. the judge trying the case.
  - B. the site of the trial.
  - C. televising the trial.
  - D. the release of the defendant.
  
16. Decision making by juries can sometimes be
  - A. somewhat unpredictable.
  - B. following the letter of the law.
  - C. basically how a judge would do so.
  - D. highly affected by media coverage.

17. Unlike the Bird Court, the Lucas Court followed the
- A. lead of the U.S. Constitution.
  - B. lead of national policy.
  - C. lead of the California electorate.
  - D. lead of the U.S. Supreme Court.
18. About what percent of homicides in California involve firearms, usually handguns?
- A. 10%
  - B. 43%
  - C. 68%
  - D. 95%
19. Prison overcrowding in California is a result of
- A. sentencing mandates.
  - B. recidivism.
  - C. U.S. Supreme Court rulings.
  - D. both A and B.
20. The state with the most inmates on death row is
- A. Texas.
  - B. California.
  - C. South Carolina.
  - D. Virginia.