

Street Law Pre-Survey

Assigned Number: _____ Check one: Male__Female__ Date of birth: _____
Month/year

Race or ethnicity:

Please circle one answer for each of the following questions

1. I believe that
 - a. Laws greatly influence everyday life.
 - b. Laws have no influence on my life.
 - c. Laws have some influence on my life.

2. In which one of the following stories should the person be charged with a crime
 - a. Pete and his sister are hungry. There is no food in the house. Pete goes to the corner store and steals a loaf of bread, some baloney, and cheese.
 - b. Robert sells crack cocaine and uses the money to support his mother who receives public assistance and cannot work.
 - c. George was walking home one night after work. He sees a woman on the side of the road with a flat tire. He goes to help her and after he changes the tire, he takes her car keys and drives off in the car.

3. An attorney should always
 - a. do what he or she thinks is best for the client.
 - b. do what the client wants.
 - c. do what the person wants who is paying the lawyer.

4. Which statement is most correct?
 - a. Every person in the United States can vote on election day.
 - b. Only people who are citizens and are 18 years old can vote in the United States.
 - c. To vote in the United States who have to be over 21 and own property.

5. I believe laws are based on
 - a. what rich people want.
 - b. what society believes is important.
 - c. what people think is right and wrong.

6. Which of these acts is the most serious?
 - a. Tina, Dylan, and Jane know that the emergency door at the movie theatre is broken and sneak in to see the newest movie.
 - b. Maria gets caught with crack cocaine in her school locker.
 - c. Tony gets high at a party and then gets in his car to drive home. He hits a child on the way home.

7. I believe
 - a. A police officer can search you any time he wants.
 - b. A police officer must have a warrant to search you.
 - c. A police officer must have a good reason to stop you and search you.

8. The most important right someone can have
 - a. is to not have to go to school if they don't want to.
 - b. is the right to a fair trial.
 - c. is the right to have food to eat.

9. The first amendment protects my right to freedom of speech in this situation
 - a. My mom makes liver and onions for dinner, and I hate liver. I tell her it is disgusting and I won't eat it. She sends me to my room and takes away my cell phone for a week.
 - b. My friends and I stood outside the police station with linked arms to protest what we believe to be a wrongful arrest.
 - c. I write for the school paper and the principal removes my article about the drug problems we have at school.

10. Any citizen can change the law
 - a. By doing a letter writing campaign.
 - b. By voting for new representatives that will do what you want.
 - c. By taking a case to court.

11. Which statement do you think is true?
 - a. Everyone should have a lawyer if they need one.
 - b. You only need a lawyer if you are charged with a crime.
 - c. You can only get a lawyer to help you if you have money.

12. Which of these statements is true?
 - a. Rich people are more likely to be a victim of property crimes than poor people.
 - b. The juvenile courts are designed to rehabilitate youth.
 - c. Only adults are allowed to have attorneys.

13. Your friend Javier was hit by a drunk driver while he was on his way home from work. He is at home in a wheelchair and does not know if he will be able to walk again. Which person suffers the most from this act?
 - a. The drunk driver because he is going to jail.
 - b. Javier because he was hurt.
 - c. Javier's family because they will have to take care of him and pay the medical bills.

Free Response

What is the goal of our legal system?

What is the Bill of Rights?

What is the difference between prison and jail?

What should you do if a police officer stops you?

What are some of the inequalities that you see within the legal system?

In your own words, please briefly define each of these terms

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| Civil Law | |
| Criminal Law | |
| Felony | |
| Misdemeanor | |
| Reasonable Suspicion | |
| Probable Cause | |
| Malice | |
| Negligence | |
| Duress | |
| Accomplice | |