

Criminal Law & Justice Final Exam Study Guide

Unit 1: Crime

1. Identify the steps of the Criminal Justice system. (15 steps)
2. What are the two broad classifications of crime?
3. What are the types of crime?
4. Identify crime trends. (When do most crimes occur? In what region?)
5. What are the causes of crime (criminology theories)? Be able to identify each of them! (6 theories)

Unit 2: Police

6. What are the functions of police?
7. Describe the protections granted by the 4th amendment.
8. What are the 4 requirements of police when obtaining a warrant?
9. What must probable cause be founded upon?
10. When may police arrest you without a warrant? (warrant exceptions)
11. Which Supreme Court case guarantees your rights upon arrest and before interrogation? What are these rights?
12. Describe the public safety doctrine.

Unit 3: Courts

13. Describe how the United States has a dual court system.
14. What are the 3 tiers of the Federal Court System?
15. What is jurisdiction?
16. Identify the types of federal jurisdiction.
17. Identify the types of state jurisdiction.
18. What is the difference between a civil and criminal law?
19. What are the major steps in a criminal trial?
20. What is the goal of prosecution in a criminal trial? What about defense?
21. What is a plea bargain?
22. What is the voir dire screening process?
23. Who determines the guilt in a criminal trial? What about the sentence?
24. If a jury does not reach a verdict of guilty or not guilty, what are their other options?

Unit 4: Corrections

25. List the types of punishments.
26. What is the most severe punishment one can receive in the United States?
27. What are the 3 sentencing models?
28. What is the difference between consecutive and concurrent sentences?
29. List the goals of punishment.

Overall Knowledge:

For the following scenarios identify which of the following applies and explain why: DNA evidence, witness misidentification, eyewitness testimony, false confession. Some may fit into multiple categories.

1. Penny Beernsten identified Steven Avery as her attacker after choosing him from a photo lineup.
2. Gregory Allen's DNA was matched to Penny Beernsten's fingernail scrapings.
3. Jennifer Thompson chooses Ronald Cotton out of a photo lineup.
4. Ronald Cotton is exonerated after Bobby Poole's DNA is matched to a rape kit taken after his assault of Jennifer Thompson.
5. Brendan Dassey admits to investigators Weigart and Fassbender that he helped Steven Avery kill Theresa Halbach.
6. A bloody bandana is tested to be the blood of the 3rd party killer responsible for Christine Morotn's death.

Be able to answer the following concerning Making a Murderer

1. Give 4 pieces of evidence for the prosecution against Stephen Avery
2. Give 4 pieces of evidence for the defense for Stephen Avery
3. What missteps did the police make in the case of Stephen Avery and Teresa Halbach?

4. Do you think Stephen is guilty or not guilty? Why? Give evidence.

Extra Credit Opportunity: Below is a mix of the vocabulary we have studied this trimester. On the test, you will be asked to define 5 random words from this list for extra credit.

Miranda Rights

Decriminalization

Serial Killer

Public Order Crime

Criminology

Criminal Negligence

Sheriff

Community policing

Time-in-rank system

Police brutality

Search warrant

Stop and frisk

Plain view doctrine

Exigent circumstance

Court of Appeals

Civil Case

Criminal Case

Bench Trial

Appellate Courts

Voir Dire