Legal Research Quiz

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**Question 1**

Which reporter of the Supreme Court decisions contains summaries of the briefs of counsel?

- A) United States Reports
- B) Supreme Court Reporter
- C) United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers' Edition
- D) All of the above.
- E) None of the above.

**Question 2**

Which of the following is most correct?

- D) 46 U.S.C. Section 89 (1976)

**Question 3**

Which of the following is the most correct citation form?


**Question 4**

Which of the following statements best describes the term *star paging*?

- A) Signal used to indicate page numbers in another reporter.
- B) Signal used to indicate original paging when a reporter is reprinted.
- C) Signal used to indicate page where the court's holding is found.
- D) None of these is correct.

**Question 5**

Which of the following statements best describes the term *star paging*?
Star paging is used in

- A) All volumes of the United States Reports.
- B) First 90 volumes of the United States Reports plus all unofficial reporters.
- C) All volumes of all official and unofficial Supreme Court reporters.
- D) All volumes of all federal reporters.

**Question 6**

What is the primary difference between the Statutes at Large and the United States Code?

- A) The Statutes at Large are compiled by topic; the Code, chronologically.
- B) The Statutes at Large contains state statutes; Code, federal.
- C) The Statutes at Large are compiled chronologically; the Code, by topic.
- D) The Statutes at Large are compiled chronologically; the Code, by topic.

**Question 7**

Identify the reporter in which federal trial court opinions are contained.

Answer: *(F. Supp)*

**Question 8**

The United States Code contains all federal statutory law enacted by Congress.

- A) True
- B) False

**Question 9**

The signal *supra* is used in legal memoranda and briefs to refer to a case that has been cited in full previously.

- A) True
- B) False

**Question 10**

The typical case reporter contains either a separate section or a separate volume devoted to a table of cases and a descriptive word index.

- A) True
- B) False

**Question 11**

Each state has both an official and an unofficial reporter series for the opinions of its highest state court.
Question 12 0 / 2 points

Parallel citations for an appellate court opinion may include citations to the trial court reporter series where the trial court opinion is published.

A) True
B) False

Question 13 0 / 2 points

To update the status of a particular case, what research tool is used?

A) Federal Digest
B) Supplement volumes or pocket part supplements.
C) Shepard's Citations
D) None of these is correct.

Question 14 0 / 2 points

Identify the two legal encyclopedias in existence today:

A) American Jurisprudence Second and Corpus Jurisprudence Second
B) American Jurisprudence and Corpus Jurisdiction
C) American Jurisprudence Second and Corpus Juris Secundum
D) American Jurisprudence and Corpus Juris.

Question 15 0 / 2 points

If one reporter citation of a case is known, its parallel citations(s) can be determined by using:

A) Shepard's Citations
B) Table of Cases
C) West's National Reporter Blue Book
D) Any one of the above

Question 16 0 / 2 points

To update the status of a particular statute, what research tool should be used?

A) Federal Digest
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Question 17 0 / 2 points
Parallel citations generally are not provided for federal cases, but they are required for home state cases when parallel citations exist.

A) True
B) False

Question 18 0 / 2 points
Within the Shepard's Citator volumes, the citations appearing in parentheses indicate other cases which have overruled the case being researched.

A) True
B) False

Question 19 0 / 2 points
Federal statutes are arranged topically in the Statutes at Large.

A) True
B) False

Question 20 0 / 2 points
The signal *infra* is used in legal memoranda and briefs to indicate the full citation for the case follows at a later point in the memorandum or brief.

A) True
B) False

Question 21 0 / 2 points
The signal *supra* is used in law review articles and other textual material (but not in legal memoranda and briefs) to indicate that the full citation for the case was given previously.

A) True
B) False

Question 22 0 / 2 points
Digests are compilations of case law for a particular reporter or a particular group of reporters.

A) True
B) False
The case summaries found in digests may be cited as primary authority.

A) True
B) False

Question 24 0 / 2 points

The case summaries found in digest may be cited as secondary authority.

A) True
B) False

Question 25 0 / 2 points

When a researcher is unfamiliar with the subject matter to be researched, what tool may be consulted to provide background information?

A) United State Code
B) Case digests
C) Legal encyclopedias
D) Federal Reporter

Question 26 0 / 2 points

The principles stated in opinions of judges, to be followed in future cases, are called:

A) res judicata
B) precedent
C) case law
D) jurisprudence

Question 27 0 / 2 points

A type of secondary authority which is not the law itself but is, rather, a persuasive presentation by legal scholars of what the law is or what is should be in a particular topic area, is called:

A) encyclopedia
B) restatement
C) treatise
D) none is correct

Question 28 0 / 2 points

Which legal publisher is noted for its extensive use of annotations?

A) West Publishing Co.
B) Lawyers-Cooperative Publishing Co.
C) Bureau of National Affairs
D) Commerce Clearing House

**Question 29**

The American Digest System indexes and classifies all case law, both state and federal.

- A) True
- B) False

**Question 30**

Secondary authorities are those that contain a general commentary on or explanation of the subject.

- A) True
- B) False

**Question 31**

Digests summarize judicial decisions, while indexes summarize statute topics.

- A) True
- B) False

**Question 32**

The American Digest System is sometimes called the Decennial Digest and uses the key number system.

- A) True
- B) False

**Question 33**

When researching a particular federal statute, the United States Code is the most useful source because it is an official publication.

- A) True
- B) False

**Question 34**

Compilations of cases and historical matters dealing with various aspects of a code or statute, which contain short summaries of other cases, both for and against, are called:

- A) annotations
- B) restatements
- C) encyclopedias
Question 35

If a researcher knows the date when a federal statute was adopted, which of the following will provide the most direct access to the text of that statute?

- A) Code of Federal Regulations
- B) Congressional Record
- C) United States Code
- D) Federal Rules Decisions

Question 36

When an appellate judge disagrees with the result and with the reasoning of the majority opinion, but disagrees with the reasoning of the dissenting opinion as well, she may write:

- A) a concurring opinion
- B) an abstaining opinion
- C) a partial dissenting opinion
- D) a dissenting opinion

Question 37

Which of the following represents the correct citation to a term found at the 15th line of column 1, page 41 of the Third Edition of Ballantine's Law Dictionary, which was published in 1969?

- A) Ballantine 41 (3rd ed. 1969)

Question 38

When a state's highest court elects to publish an official reporter, it must publish all cases decided by that court.

- A) True
- B) False

Question 39

When a case has been affirmed, reversed, or modified on appeal, the subsequent history of the cited case must be included in the citation.

- A) True
Question 40  0 / 2 points

A memorandum opinion is an opinion of the entire court, rather than an opinion written by a specific judge.

A) True  B) False

Question 41  0 / 2 points

In a petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court, the name of the appellant appears first in the case caption, regardless of how the caption may have been shown in lower courts.

A) True  B) False

Question 42  0 / 2 points

Indexing is the accepted process for checking the status of specific cases, while Shepardizing is used for checking the status of statutes.

A) True  B) False

Question 43  0 / 2 points

Cases decided by the U.S. Court of International Trade (formerly the U.S. Customs Court) are reported selectively in the Federal Supplement.

A) True  B) False

Question 44  0 / 2 points

Which is the correct citation for an article entitled *Nocturnal Crimes*, and written by Professor Willard Weitz and published in the 20th volume of the Brooklyn Law Review in 1992. The article appears at page 180.


Question 45  0 / 2 points

Which is the correct citation for a case in which Ralph Ritchies Jr. is the plaintiff and Won Handy Li is the defendant, decided by the federal trial court in the eastern district of Pennsylvania on October 15, 1991 and published in the appropriate reporter series at volume 658, page 139 on October 28, 1991.

Question 46
Which is the correct citation for an appeal by the defendant in the preceding question to the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, decided on August 28, 1992 and published in the appropriate reporter series at volume 597, page 843 on September 12, 1992.

A) Ritches Jr. v. Won Handy Li, 597 F. 2nd 843 (3d Cir. 1992)
B) Ritches Jr. v. Won Handy Li, 597 F. 2nd 843 (3rd Cir. 1992)
D) Ritches Jr. v. Li, 597 F. 2nd 843 (3rd Cir. 1992)

Question 47
Which is the correct citation for a petition for certiorari by the defendant in the preceding question to the United States Supreme Court, where the petition was denied on December 28, 1992 and reported at volume 636 of the United States Reports on page 322, which was published on January 7, 1993.

C) Won Handy Li v. Ritches, 636 U.S.322 (1-7-1993)

Question 48
Which of the following case names is correctly cited?

A) State of Colorado v. James Wonka
B) Colorado v. Wonka
C) State v. Wonka
D) In Re State v. Wonka

Question 49
Which of the following case names is correctly cited?

A) Internal Revenue Service v. Jackson
B) IRS V. Jackson
C) Commissioner v. Jackson
D) IRS Commissioner v. Jackson

Question 50
Which of the following case names is correctly used?

- A) John Brown Company v. Archer Industries, Ltd.
- B) John Brown Co. v. Archer Industries
- C) Brown Co. v. Archer Industries
- D) Brown Co. v. Archer Industries, Ltd.

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