1. • If a son has struck his father, they shall cut off his hand.
   • If a seignior has destroyed the eye of a member of the aristocracy, they shall destroy his eye.
   • If he has broken another seignior’s bone, they shall break his bone.

Which document contains these statements?

A. Ten Commandments  B. Code of Hammurabi
C. Edicts of Asoka  D. Twelve Tables
2. In the United States, which action would represent a “clear and present danger” in regard to the first amendment right of freedom of speech?

A. using the Postal Service to request donations for a new political party advocating socialism

B. printing of facts by a newspaper that indicate a state governor may have committed a crime

C. publishing newspaper ads that call for the impeachment of the President

D. using the mass media to urge citizens to assassinate public officials
3. The Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution includes a guarantee of the right to

A. assemble peacefully         B. have a job
C. strike against an employer  D. vote in elections
4. The Bill of Rights was added to the United States Constitution primarily to

A. protect citizens from state governments

B. guarantee economic equality to all people living in the United States

C. expand the delegated powers of the Federal Government

D. protect citizens from excessive power of the Federal Government
5. In the United States, Federal judges hold office for life to

A. decrease political interference in their decisions

B. gain experience in their jobs

C. develop a judicial philosophy which is consistent with that of other judges

D. have the opportunity to view the long-term results of their decisions
6. Which statement about the United States Supreme Court decision is most accurate?

A. They must follow the precedents of earlier decisions.

B. They have been changed most frequently by constitutional amendments.

C. They sometimes represent reversals of previous decisions.

D. They are frequently ignored by the lower courts.
7. A community collects taxes to pay for a fire department. This is an action by which institution?

   A. government  
   B. family  
   C. business  
   D. industry
8. The governor of Kentucky has duties and responsibilities most similar to those of

A. the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

B. a member of the Senate.

C. a member of the House of Representatives.

D. the President of the United States.
9. Under the United States Constitution, state governments are allowed to

A. establish an official religion for the state
B. prosecute religious leaders who commit crimes
C. forbid certain religions from being practiced in the state
D. require political candidates to practice a particular religion
10. It is legal for a local government to restrict a religious practice if it

A. occurs on private property

B. conflicts with the majority view

C. threatens people’s safety and health

D. is funded by a wealthy individual
11. Which of these is a power reserved for state governments by the United States Constitution?

A. the power to coin money

B. the power to maintain an army and a navy

C. the power to establish public schools

D. the power to make treaties with foreign countries
12. What happens when a state law conflicts with a federal law?

A. The federal government can penalize the state.
B. The federal government must change its law.
C. The state government can enforce its own law.
D. The state must yield to the federal government.
13. In the 1950s, young people left the state because of a lack of jobs. State leaders began a plan for a business park. This park ended up bringing many companies to the area.

How did these leaders bring change to North Carolina?

A. The park gave farmers land to grow their crops to sell.
B. They created a park that would give children a place to play.
C. They helped to create jobs by bringing businesses to the area.
D. The men sold land to the state to build new state parks and wildlife areas.
Freedom of speech and of the press are two of the great [supporters] of liberty and therefore shall never be [stopped], but every person shall be held responsible for their abuse.

_North Carolina State Constitution_

Which rights does Section 14 protect?

A. It allows people to share their ideas in public.
B. It allows people to limit free speech in newspapers.
C. It allows reporters to write stories without all of the facts.
D. It allows reporters to vote for stories found in newspapers.
15. Which is a duty of the citizens of North Carolina?

A. having a job

B. voting in elections

C. driving the speed limit

D. having a fair trial by peers
Which expenditure would be paid solely by the federal government as opposed to state or local governments?

A. a firing range on an army base       B. a new public school
C. a sidewalk repair in a major city   D. a community recreation center

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1992
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