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Topic: Basics of Law

Subtopic: Classifications of Law

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Multiple-Choice Question Type

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1. Law can be broken down across several different classification systems. One of these is private law versus public law; under this classification, which of the following would be an example of public law?

- a. tax law
- b. contract law
- c. SEC regulations
- d. Homeowners' Association regulations

Analysis:

- a. Correct. Public laws are enacted authorized governmental bodies and addresses the relationships between individuals and their government. Of these, the only one that does this is tax law.
- b. Incorrect. Public laws are enacted authorized governmental bodies and addresses the relationships between individuals and their government. Of these, the only one that does this is tax law.
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2. Law can be broken down across several different classification systems. One of these is private law versus public law; under this classification, which of the following would be an example of private law?

- a. tax law
- b. contract law
- c. SEC regulations
- d. Homeowners' Association regulations

Analysis:

- a. Incorrect. Private laws are developed between two individuals like landlords and tenants, or homeowner's associations and their members.
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- c. Incorrect. Private laws are developed between two individuals like landlords and tenants, or homeowner's associations and their members.
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3. Some laws are substantive while others are procedural. Which of the following best defines substantive laws?

- a. Laws that deal with actual physical things, rather than legal or philosophical concepts are substantive laws.
- b. Laws that deal with the responsibilities of ownership or the transfer of ownership of private property are substantive laws.
- c. Laws that create, define, or regulate rights are substantive laws.
- d. Laws that confirm, support, or otherwise integrate with other laws are substantive laws.

Analysis:

- a. Incorrect. Substantive laws define, describe, regulate, and create legal rights and obligations.
- b. Incorrect. Substantive laws define, describe, regulate, and create legal rights and obligations.
- c. Correct. Substantive laws define, describe, regulate, and create legal rights and obligations.
- d. Incorrect. Substantive laws define, describe, regulate, and create legal rights and obligations.

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4. Some laws are substantive while others are procedural. Which of the following best defines procedural laws?

- a. Laws that outline the methods of creating other bills, laws, amendments, and regulations are procedural laws.
- b. Laws that define the methods of enforcing the rights afforded by substantive laws are procedural laws.

- c. Laws that define production methods and limit the use of potentially dangerous substances in production and manufacturing are procedural laws.
- d. Laws that hold less substance, those that are touch more on the periphery of our lives, that only indirectly affect us, are procedural laws.

Analysis:

- a. Incorrect. Procedural laws outline and describe the methods of enforcing the rights established by the substantive laws.
- b. Correct. Procedural laws outline and describe the methods of enforcing the rights established by the substantive laws.
- c. Incorrect. Procedural laws outline and describe the methods of enforcing the rights established by the substantive laws.
- d. Incorrect. Procedural laws outline and describe the methods of enforcing the rights established by the substantive laws.

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5. The term “common law” has been in existence since the Normans conquered England in 1066. What is meant by the classification “common laws?”
- a. Common laws assure the most basic rights; in the U.S. these include life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
 - b. Common laws are those laws that are shared by many countries and common to most legal forms (these include laws against murder, theft, and so on).
 - c. Common laws refers to those statutes shared by a variety of states but negotiated so that the laws are similar from one locality to the next.
 - d. Common laws are based on previous decisions or precedent.

Analysis:

- a. Incorrect. Common laws are based on precedents or previous decisions. Many of the common laws we follow today date back to England in the 11th century, including ownership and the transfer of title of real property.
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6. If the town of Bomont, Oklahoma enacts a law making the dancing and the playing of rock and roll music illegal, what classification of law is this?

- a. private law
- b. civil law
- c. common law
- d. statutory law

Analysis:

- a. Incorrect. Laws passed by legislative bodies at all levels of government are statutory laws. Private law is developed between two individuals; civil law defines the rights and duties that exist between an individual and the state; common law is based on precedent.
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7. A person caught selling marijuana in a state in which it is not legal to own or sell marijuana is in violation of what kind of law?

- a. civil law
- b. criminal law
- c. substantive law

d. procedural law

Analysis:

- a. Incorrect. A wrong against society, such as selling an illegal substance, is a violation of criminal law. Civil law is an act against another individual person; substantive laws are the laws that give rights and responsibilities; procedural laws are those laws that define how we enforce substantive laws.
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8. What kind of law establishes the method by which an employee must inform their employer about an injury that occurred on the job, provide documentation, and file regular follow-up reports in order to qualify for worker's compensation?

- a. procedural law
- b. statutory law
- c. civil law
- d. common law

Analysis:

- a. Correct. Procedural laws outline and defines methodology and procedures.
- b. Incorrect. Procedural laws outline and defines methodology and procedures.
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True/False Question Type

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9.It is not possible that both substantive and procedural provisions can be completed in the same provision.

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Incorrect. This statement is false. It is possible for a single statute to contain both substantive and procedural provisions. In fact, many states do contain both.

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10.It is not possible for one behavior can represent both civil and criminal law simultaneously.

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Correct. This statement is true. It is possible for a single behavior to be a breach of both civil law and criminal law. A drunk driving accident which results in injury to another party or their property is both a breach of criminal law (drunk driving), and actionable by the injured party as a civil matter.

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