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**Criminal Justice System and the Courts Exam**

1. \_\_\_\_\_What article of the US Constitution established a federal court system?
   1. Article I
   2. Article II
   3. Article III
   4. Article IV
2. \_\_\_\_\_What did Congress pass that established 13 courts for the original 13 states?
3. Judiciary Act of 1786
4. Judiciary Act of 1787
5. Judiciary Act of 1788
6. Judiciary Act of 1789
7. \_\_\_\_\_How many justices did the US Supreme Court originally have?
8. 6
9. 7
10. 8
11. 9
12. \_\_\_\_\_What are also known as Circuit Courts?
    * + - 1. Trial Courts
          2. Supreme Court
          3. Appellate Courts
          4. Magistrate Courts
13. \_\_\_\_\_What are also known as US District Courts?
    1. Trial Courts
    2. Supreme Court
    3. Appellate Courts
    4. Magistrate Courts
14. \_\_\_\_\_How many US District Courts are there?
15. 84
16. 94
17. 104
18. 114
19. \_\_\_\_\_Which federal court’s decisions cannot be overruled?
    1. Appellate Court
    2. Trial Court
    3. Magistrate Court
    4. Supreme Court
20. \_\_\_\_\_How many federal Circuit Courts are there?
    1. 12
    2. 13
    3. 14
    4. 15
21. \_\_\_\_\_How many justices make up the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals?
    1. 6
    2. 7
    3. 8
    4. 9
22. \_\_\_\_\_What federal court is usually made up of a panel of three judges?
    1. Magistrate Court
    2. Trial Court
    3. Supreme Court
    4. Appellate Court
23. \_\_\_\_\_What federal court decides which cases it will hear?
    1. Magistrate Court
    2. Trial Court
    3. Supreme Court
    4. Appellate Court
24. \_\_\_\_\_Which federal court determines if the district judge made a judicial error that could have substantially affected the court’s decision?
    1. Trial Court
    2. Magistrate Court
    3. Appellate Court
    4. Supreme Court
25. \_\_\_\_\_Which federal court is the legal mediator for lawsuits between states and between the United States and foreign countries; is the final authority for legal opinions binding on the federal government; and is the court that other courts have to fall in line with when it makes a ruling?
    1. Trial Court
    2. Magistrate Court
    3. Appellate Court
    4. Supreme Court
26. \_\_\_\_\_Which federal court generally only agrees to decide cases where there is a difference of opinion among the courts of appeals, or where there is an important constitutional question or issue of federal law that needs to be clarified?
    1. Magistrate Court
    2. Trial Court
    3. Appellate Court
    4. Supreme Court
27. \_\_\_\_\_Which federal court tries Class A misdemeanors and petty offenses along with performing duties such as issuing warrants and arraignments?
    1. Appellate Court
    2. Supreme Court
    3. Magistrate Court
    4. Trial Court
28. \_\_\_\_\_Which federal court hears appeals from defendants whose cases are based on a claim that they were denied a fair trial or the law they were convicted under was unconstitutional?
    1. Trial Court
    2. Appellate Court
    3. Magistrate Court
    4. Supreme Court
29. \_\_\_\_\_When does the Supreme Court have to review a case?
    1. When a federal court has held an act of Congress to be constitutional
    2. When an individual’s challenge to a state statute on federal constitutional grounds is upheld by a state’s highest court of appeals
    3. When a U.S. Court of Appeals has found a state statute to be constitutional
    4. When a state’s highest court of appeals has ruled a federal law to be constitutional
30. \_\_\_\_\_When was the Texas Supreme Court established?
31. 1814
32. 1825
33. 1836
34. 1977
35. \_\_\_\_\_What year was the Court of Criminal Appeals originally established?
36. 1850
37. 1876
38. 1905
39. 1977
40. \_\_\_\_\_Which state court has final appellate jurisdiction in civil cases?
    1. District Court
    2. County Court
    3. Court of Criminal Appeals
    4. Texas Supreme Court
41. \_\_\_\_\_What year was the Court of Appeals given its new name and designed to relieve the Court of Criminal Appeals caseload?
42. 1850
43. 1876
44. 1905
45. 1980
46. \_\_\_\_\_Which state court handles civil issues such as issuing marriage licenses and settling small-claims suits?
47. Magistrate Court
48. District Court
49. Justice Court
50. Courts of Appeals
51. \_\_\_\_\_Which state court has final appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases?
52. District Court
53. County Court
54. Courts of Appeals
55. Court of Criminal Appeals
56. \_\_\_\_\_Which state court presides over Class A and Class B Misdemeanors?
57. County Court
58. District Court
59. Courts of Appeals
60. Court of Criminal Appeals
61. \_\_\_\_\_Which state court has intermediate appellate jurisdiction in criminal and civil cases?
62. District Court
63. County Court
64. Court of Criminal Appeals
65. Courts of Appeals