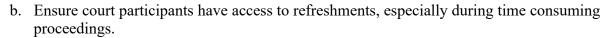
LEVEL II Practice Test

RIGHTS & ROLES

- 1. What is equal protection?
 - a. Immunity from treating defendants wrongly
 - b. A constitutional guarantee against a second prosecution
 - c. A constitutional guarantee that every person enjoys the same protection under the law
 - d. A general law that guarantees that defendants have a right to be represented by an attorney
- 2. What is due process?
 - a. A course of legal proceedings according to rules and principles
 - b. Broad legal concept embodied in the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution
 - c. A safeguard for the protection of individual rights
 - d. All of the above
- 3. What type of immunity do ministerial and administrative duties enjoy?
 - a. Absolute
 - b. Qualified
 - c. Personal
 - d. No immunity
- 4. When can personal information about jurors be released?
 - a. Anytime the public requests.
 - b. The information is confidential and can never be released.
 - c. The judge may release after application by a party in the trial or a bona fide member of the news media upon a showing of good cause.
 - d. It can be released only to certain persons under the Texas Rules of Evidence.
- 5. For what reason may a magistrate deny bail?
 - a. For violating a judicial order regarding community service
 - b. For violating a magistrate's order of emergency protection.
 - c. For violating judicial orders requiring an interlock device after an alcohol related arrest
 - d. All of the above
- 6. In offering those who appear in court the courtesy that a business might offer its customers, what must a court clerk do?
 - a. Be careful never to provide more information than answers only the exact question being asked



- c. Be careful never to offer legal advice that may subject the city and the clerk to liability and/or charges of unlawful practice of law.
- d. None of the above.

TRUE/FALSE	
7. Municipal court defendants do not have the right to cross-examine a witness who is the victim. T F	
8. A municipal court defendant has most of the same rights as a defendant in a federal or state districourt. T F	.c1
9. When determining guilt or innocence, the judge may consider only evidence admitted during the trial. T F	
10. If a court in a county with a population over 50,000 cannot locate a certified interpreter within 7 miles of the court and the language needed is not Spanish, the court may appoint a spoken language interpreter. T F	75
11. The victim of a crime who will testify at the trial has the right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense. T F	
12. When a judge sets bail, he or she is required to take into account the safety of the victim and the community. T F)
13. Only the victim can make a motion for an emergency protective order. T F	
14. Socioeconomic status is protected from biased behavior by the <i>Code of Judicial Conduct</i> . T F	
15. When a law enforcement officer decides to arrest someone, that person's due process rights are terminated. T F	
16. A defendant may only secure bail through a bail bond or cash bond.	

17. The court need only consider the issue of speedy trial if raised by the defendant.

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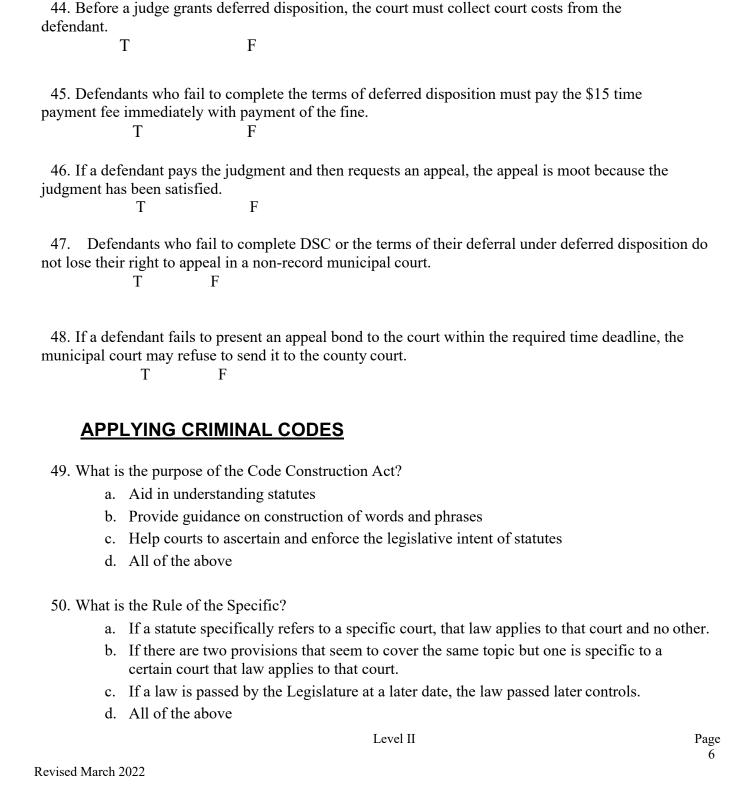
18. In all municipal court trials, the defendant is required to be present T

MUNICIPAL COURT PROCESSES

- 19. When a court adjudicates a case, it:
 - a. Grants deferred disposition
 - b. Makes a determination and formal pronouncement of judgment
 - c. Asks the defendant for a plea
 - d. Finds the defendant indigent
- 20. What is an affiant?
 - a. A person who complains about a neighbor's loud noise
 - b. A person who commits an offense
 - c. A person who has reason to believe that a person committed an offense and swears to a complaint
 - d. All of the above
- 21. What is municipal court jurisdiction over theft of service?
 - a. Less than \$500
 - b. Less than \$100
 - c. Less than \$50
 - d. Less than \$20
- 22. What must all complaints allege?
 - a. A culpable mental state
 - b. A specific location
 - c. A pecuniary loss
 - d. A date of on or about when the offense occurred
- 23. What is a *jurat*?
 - a. The signature of the affiant swearing and signing the complaint
 - b. The certificate of the person administering the oath to the person swearing to an affidavit
 - c. The certificate of the person certifying that a record is a true and correct copy of an original
 - d. None of the above
- 24. When can a defendant be charged with the offense of failure to appear?
 - a. After being summoned to court
 - b. After defaulting on payment of fine

- c. Upon failing to appear after being arrested
- d. All of the above
- 25. When can a municipal judge take a plea?
 - a. When a defendant is issued a citation
 - b. When a code enforcement officer investigates a city ordinance violation
 - c. When a sworn complaint or a citation has been filed with the court
 - d. All of the above
- 26. A motion to quash means that the defendant is:
 - a. Asking the court to set aside and dismiss the complaint
 - b. Asking the court for permission to amend the complaint
 - c. Asking the judge to recuse himself or herself
 - d. None of the above
- 27. Who has authority to request and accept a plea and set fines?
 - a. Judge
 - b. City Council
 - c. Mayor
 - d. All of the above
- 28. When must a judge enter a judgment?
 - a. Payment of fine and costs
 - b. Plea of guilty or nolo contendere
 - c. Finding of guilty
 - d. All of the above
- 29. What is voir dire?
 - a. A motion stating that the jurors were selected with a bias
 - b. A request for a legal exemption from jury duty
 - c. Questioning of jurors under oath about their qualifications to sit on a jury
 - d. A request for a jury charge
- 30. What is a challenge to the array?
 - a. A request to shuffle jurors
 - b. A motion to withdraw request for jury trial
 - c. A challenge to the court process
 - d. A motion stating that the jurors were selected with a bias

a. Anytime a citation has been issub. When a defendant fails to appear	nt with the offense of violation of promise to appear? ed and the defendant fails to appear who is charged with a Subtitle C, Rules of the Road offense moned for a city ordinance violation and then fails to appear
32. A pre-trial can be conducted only when e	either the defense or prosecutor requests a pre-trial.
33. An adult defendant may pay a fine or ma court. T F	y mail or deliver a plea and waiver of jury trial to the
34. If a defendant who requests a trial is indirepresent the defendant in all instances. T F	gent, the court is required to appoint an attorney to
35. Defendants may call the court to request T F	an extension and reset of their cases.
36. Municipal courts are not required to pay T F	jurors.
37. A person who is deaf or hearing impaired T	l may not be a juror.
38. A summons issued by a judge may be set anyone. T F	eved by mail by the court clerk because it does not arrest
39. Judges may not grant deferred disposition maintenance zone when workers are present. T F	n for any offense that occurs in a construction
40. Adult defendants represented by an attor prosecutor agrees. T F	ney do not have to appear at trial as long as the
41. There is no time limit when a judge of a long as the judge determines that justice has not a fulfill the state of the	municipal court of non-record may grant a new trial as ot been done in the first trial.



42. A motion for new trial is timely filed in a non-record municipal court if it is mailed on or before the date it was due and received by the clerk on or before the 10th business day that it was due to be filed.

43. Defendants in a non-record municipal court who request to take a driving safety course but fail to

complete the course, lose the right to appeal.

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51. Which statutes contain rules regarding pleas and appearances for municipal court defendants?
a. Chapter 45 and Article 27.14, C.C.P.
b. Chapter 4 and Article 49.02, C.C.P.
c. Chapters 24 and 15
d. All of the above
52. Which statutes contain rules regarding municipal court appeals?
a. Chapters 4 and 5
b. Chapters 19 and 20
c. Chapters 44 and 45
d. All of the above
53. When researching Penal Code offenses, with what should the clerk be concerned?
a. What has been harmed
b. How much harm has occurred
c. Definitions of words in the Penal Code
d. All of the above
54. What is an inchoate offense?
a. A disorderly conduct offense
b. A culpable mental state
c. An attempted criminal act when the act was not completed
d. None of the above
55. What is venue?
a. An ordinance
b. Location
c. A state law
d. A fine-only offense
56. The Code of Criminal Procedure governs criminal investigations and trials. T F
57. The rules in the Code Construction Act for computing time require the courts to count the day that the action occurs and the last day of the action is also included. T F
58. The Code Construction Act provides that title headings of articles or sections do not limit or
expand the meaning of a statute.
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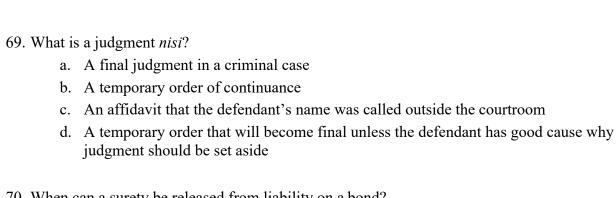
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59. Munici	pal court defe T	endants do not l F	have a right to a speedy trial.
60. When a applicable.	a clerk researc	hes a procedur	re, the clerk should first determine the statutes that are
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	alties and civ	il remedies.	riminal and civil statutes defining offenses, setting
	T	F	
62. Fine-or \$500.	nly offenses o	utside the Pena	ll Code are Class B misdemeanors if the fine is more than
	T	F	
			duct covered by the Penal Code as long as the ordinance does the penalty provided in the Penal Code.
64. Courts	are required t T	o notify DPS v F	when a corporation or association is convicted.
	ourt clerks and T	d deputy court F	clerks are public officials.
66. If an of clause of the		t specify a spe	cific penalty, the court must look to the general penalty
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67. The Pe	nal Code does T	s not provide a F	specific age for when a person can be prosecuted.
BOND FORI	FEITURES		
68. What is	s the purpose	of bail?	
a.	Guarantee p	ayment of fine	
b.	Guarantee ap	ppearance in co	ourt

c. Guarantee case is filed in court

d. All of the above



- 70. When can a surety be released from liability on a bond?
 - a. After filing affidavit of intention to surrender principal on the bond
 - b. After the warrant of arrest is issued for the principal on the bond
 - c. After the surety files an affidavit with the court that the defendant is in custody
 - d. All of the above
- 71. When a defendant posted bond with the court fails to answer docket call, what must a court do?
 - a. Call the defendant's name distinctly at the courthouse door
 - b. Declare a bond forfeiture
 - c. Issue a capias for the defendant
 - d. All of the above
- 72. What rules govern bond forfeitures?
 - a. The Texas Rules of Civil Procedure
 - b. The Texas Rules of Criminal Procedure
 - c. The Common Law Right Procedures
 - d. None of the above
- 73. The court must always give notice of the bond forfeiture to the defendant/principal.

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74. An answer is a plea to the bond forfeiture case.

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75. In a bond forfeiture case, an answer that is a general denial may not be amended.

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76. A prosecutor, as a party in the bond forfeiture case, must request the clerk to issue the citation before the clerk may issue it.

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77. If a surety files an answer before the court issues the citation, the court must still have the citation served on the surety.

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78. When a pleading needs to be verified, it means that the clerk must certify the pleading. T F
79. Before a clerk may serve a citation on a surety by certified mail or by publication, the prosecutor must request the clerk to serve the citation by these methods. T F
80. If service by certified mail and service by personal delivery by a peace officer are unsuccessful, the court may enter a default judgment. T F
81. Before a court grants service by publication, the prosecutor must make the request under oath to the court.
T F
82. The person being sued or the registered agent for service must accept service or the citation is not considered to be served. T F
83. If a citation is served by publication, the court must also have the judgment <i>nisi</i> published. T
84. Defendants may never waive service of a citation. T F
85. If a defendant (surety) is deceased, the court must dismiss the bond forfeiture lawsuit. T F
86. Thirty-five days' notice of a trial setting must be given to the defendant (surety) in a bond forfeiture case. T F
87. Before the court can enter a default judgment, the citation with the officer's return must have been on file in the clerk's office for at least 10 days, exclusive of the date of filing and the date of judgment. T F
88. If the prosecutor makes a motion for summary judgment, he or she is requesting the court to summarize the facts of the bond forfeiture case. T F

89. An agr		one in which the state and the sureties enter into an agreement without
	T	F
90. A moti	ion for a new tria	al in a bond forfeiture case must be made within one day of the
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	al court costs mι Γ	ust be assessed when there is a final forfeiture of the bond. F
92. A corp T	oration surety ca	annot post a surety bond if the corporation is in default of only one bail bond. F
		itten notice of the default judgment to the defendant (surety) at the ate filed by the prosecutor. F
94. A bill o prior judgme T		nd forfeiture case is a proceeding brought for the purpose of reversing a F
	-	file a civil suit in the justice of the peace court to collect a final bond rety refuses to pay. F
contendere,		a cash bond with the court and also gives a conditional plea of <i>nolo</i> ater a finding of guilty and forfeit the bond for the fine and court costs if
	are required to r f traffic cases.	eport to the Department of Public Safety final judgments on bond F
CHILDREN A	AND MINORS	
98. Of which	Parent Contribu	ing offenses does a municipal court have jurisdiction? uting to Non-Attendance
b.	Public intoxica	tion (Defendants 10 years of age and older)

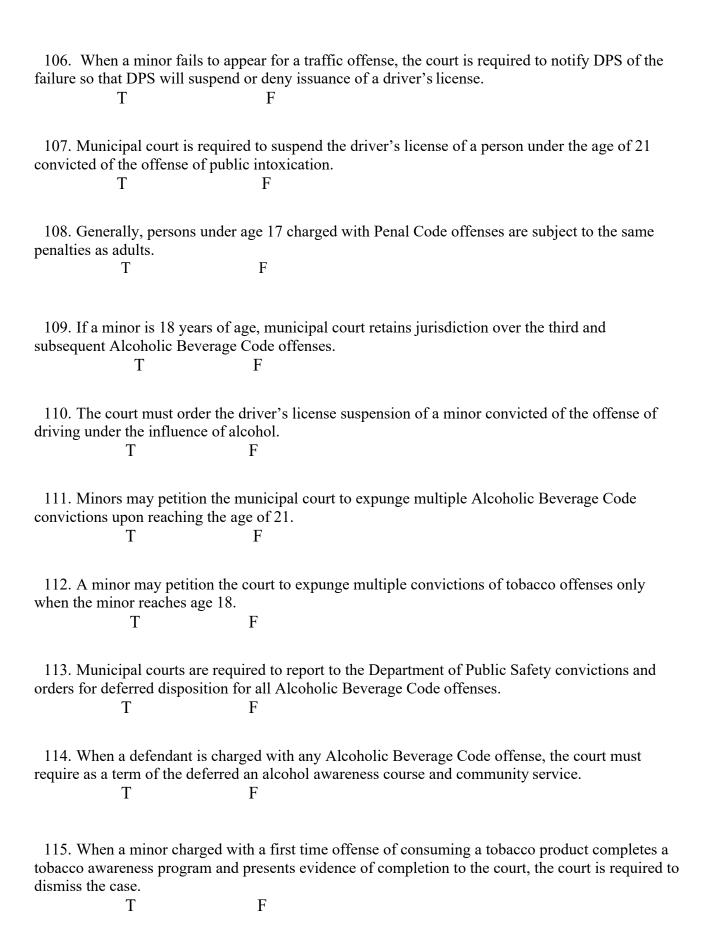
c. Speeding (Defendants 10 years of age and older)

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d. All of the above

- 99. What is the definition of a child in Chapter 45 of the Code of Criminal Procedure?
 - a. A person who is at least age 6 and under the age of 17
 - b. A person who is at least age 10 and under the age of 17
 - c. A person who is under the age of 17 (no minimum age)
 - d. A person who is at least age 13 and under the age of 18
- 100. What may a court do if an attorney appears in court to represent a child defendant?
 - a. Waive the presence of the parents
 - b. Waive the presence of the child
 - c. Handle the case through the mail
 - d. None of the above
- 101. Who may issue and who may serve a summons for the parents of a juvenile?
 - a. A judge issues and a peace officer serves.
 - b. A clerk may issue and serve.
 - c. A prosecutor may issue and a clerk may serve.
 - d. All of the above
- 102. Which code contains specific handling provisions for defendants under age 17?
 - a. Code of Criminal Procedure
 - b. Alcoholic Beverage Code
 - c. Penal Code
 - d. None of the above
- 103. Under which of the following is the court required to waive jurisdiction over a juvenile defendant?
 - a. When the defendant is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia
 - b. When there are two prior convictions for non-traffic offenses
 - c. When the defendant has been granted deferred disposition for two prior offenses
 - d. All of the above
- 104. When is the court required to notify the child and parent of the child's right to an expunction?
 - a. When the child is charged with penal offenses
 - b. When the child is charged with an Alcoholic Beverage Code offense
 - c. When the child is charged with a tobacco offense
 - d. All of the above
- 105. Defendants under age 17 charged with an Alcoholic Beverage Code offense do not have to appear with a parent in open court.

T F



116. The offense of failure to attend school can be prosecuted in the municipal court.TF
117. Municipal court has jurisdiction over the offense of truancy. T F
118. When a juvenile violates an order of the municipal court, including an order to pay a fine, the municipal court may find the child in contempt and assess a fine not to exceed \$500. T F
119. Before a court may issue an arrest warrant for a person who turns 17 who committed an offense while younger than 17 and failed to appear, the court must have exhausted all the remedies available to obtain the defendant's appearance before the defendant turned age 17. T F
120.Before a court may issue an arrest warrant for a person who committed an offense while under age 17, the court must issue a notice of continuing obligation to appear. T F
121. If a person under the age of 17 fails to pay a fine, the court may issue a <i>capias</i> pro fine for the defendant's arrest. T F
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122. When a person under the age of 17 fails to pay and then turns age 17, the court may not issue a <i>capias</i> pro fine because the offense was committed while the person was a juvenile. T F
123. Juveniles can be taken into custody and taken to a place of non-secure custody for failure to appear and failure to pay. T F
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
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124. What should be included in a sound financial management system? a. A means to safeguard assets
b. A reliable and timely bookkeeping and accounting data, and reports
c. Efficient operation and adherence to prescribed laws and regulations, policies, and procedures

d. All of the above

125. What is the purpose of intern	al control?
a. To prevent errors	
b. To require more audits	S
c. To safeguard assets an	nd protect people who do their job
d. All of the above	
126. What are the basic principle	es of internal control?
a. Separate bank accounts	for each fund
b. Appropriate division of	duties; qualified personnel; and sound, written procedures
c. Announced periodic aud	lits
d. None of the above	
127. How should a person handle	receipt of a change fund every day?
a. Make sure the amount	is different every day.
b. Use money from the c	hange fund to balance receipts.
c. Sign a receipt for the a	amount received every day.
d. Make sure the change	fund has sufficient money in it for petty cash purposes.
128. What are the basic guidelines	s for handling receipts?
a. A receipt should be iss	
b. Receipts should period	• •
	aned for by person receiving them.
d. All of the above	
129. State law requires municipal	courts to maintain a bank account.
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	procedures do not include opening the mail daily as long as the mail
is kept in a secure place. T	F
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	ological listing of issued and unissued receipts.
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132.Only the judge can authorize means, or through the interne	collection of fines, fees and costs by credit card, electronic
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	stallment agreement every time the court allows time payments.
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134.It is not necessary to have community service orders in writing because no money is actually paid to the city. T F
135.A receipt should not be given to a defendant posting a cash bond until the bond is forfeited. T F
136. Any overages or shortages should be excluded from the reconciliation form unless it is known what the cause was. T F
137. Defendants can only pay the fine, not court costs, by jail credit. T F
138.A disbursement journal is used to identify disbursements of all unclaimed funds. T F
139. When a court pro-rates court costs and fees, the costs and fees owed to the state must be paid before the costs and fees retained by the city. T F
 140. When courts receive a payment without documentation and are unable to determine to whom to credit the payment, the court or city is required to contact the Unclaimed Property Section in the Comptroller's Treasury Operations Division. T
141. Auditing is a process that examines court records and operations for mathematical accuracy, legality, and propriety.TF
142. The state traffic fee is collected on all traffic convictions. T F
COURT RECORDS
143. What is the purpose of a well-managed records management system?a. It is essential to administering justice.

d. The purpose is to determine how to budget money for the court.

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b. The purpose is to ensure that juvenile records are kept confidential.

c. It is essential to determining case disposition after trial.

144. What is records management?
a. Economical and efficient creation, organization, use, maintenance, and disposition of record
b. Systematic control of recorded information
c. Active supervision and control of records
d. All of the above
145. What are the six stages of a record's cycle?
a. Plan, develop, test, monitor, train personnel, and develop a records manual
b. Creation, distribution, use, maintenance, storage, and disposition
c. Develop, file, manage, disposition, archive, and destroy
d. None of the above
146. What is a Gantt chart?
a. A chart used to develop the six stages of a record's cycle.
b. A chart used to follow the active stage of a case.
c. A chart used to show planned times for tasks and actual dates of completion of a project.
d. A chart used to decide the goals of a records management program.
147. What do the steps to develop a records management program include?
a. Determine what the court wants to accomplish
b. Set goals and objectives
c. Establish record retention periods
d. All of the above
148. The Local Government Records Act establishes requirements for custodian of records. T F
149. When developing a records management program, the first issue the court needs to determine is the number of employees needed to staff the court.TF
150. When determining what type of numbering system to use, the court should make sure that it is complex enough to handle the volume of court records.TF
151. When considering the selection of filing cabinets, the court's only concern should be costs. T F

152. To help maintain records properly, every clerk should be a file clerk. T $\ \ F$

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153. Recor	rd schedules should be T	reviewed once every six months.
154. All do	ocuments in the court a	are considered local government records.
155. The g		fory is to inventory every piece of paper. F
156. If receintry.	ords are stored in boun	nd volumes, the retention period dates from the date of the first
157.Electro	Tonic mail is never const	F idered a government document. F
158. The	court does not need to	keep a record of records that are destroyed. F
159.An ele	ctronic document syste T	em can scan and digitize documents. F
	t clerk commits a felor nment Records Act. T	ry if he or she violates any requirements of the Local
161.The cit	ry can establish any cos T	sts that they want to for copying municipal court records.
162. It is	not necessary to moni	tor a case flow management system if it is properly set up.
		basis for measuring the effectiveness of the court's case flow sis for case progress decisions in the management of individual
		flow management system should provide methods of monitoring determine if it has fallen within time guidelines.

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165. Event standards are standards that measure the disposition of cases.

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LEGAL RESEARCH

166. Which of the following types of law affect municipal court?

- a. Administrative law
- b. Statutory law
- c. Case law
- d. All of the above

167. What is *stare decisis*?

- a. A legal concept that requires courts to adhere to administrative law
- b. A legal concept that municipal court jurisdiction is only over fine-only offenses
- c. A legal principal that the decision of a court is a binding authority on the court that issued the decision and on lower courts in the same jurisdiction for the disposition of factually similar cases
- d. A legal principal that provides courts guidance on how to interpret statutes

168. What is *ratio decidendi*?

- a. It is the holding or the principle of law on which a case is decided.
- b. It is a legal principle that allows for Texas to have a bifurcated high court.
- c. It is the idea that courts are able to make decision about the law.
- d. All of the above

169. The court of last resort in Texas that hears criminal appeals is called:

- a. County Court at Law
- b. Texas Supreme Court
- c. Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
- d. None of the above

170. Rules created by agencies such as the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission are which type of law?

- a. Statutory
- b. Case
- c. Administrative
- d. None of the above

- 171. Which of the following is defined as any published source of law that sets forth rules, legal doctrine or that can be used as a basis for legal decisions?
 - a. Legal authority
 - b. Case law
 - c. Legal research
 - d. All of the above
- 172. Where are decisions of Texas appellate courts published?
 - a. L.Ed.2d
 - b. S.W.3d
 - c. S.Ct.
 - d. All of the above
- 173. The Name Tag Rule states that:
 - a. When two laws conflict, the most recent passed prevails.
 - b. Title headings do not limit or expand a section's meaning.
 - c. If a statute clearly identifies the court to which it applies, then it applies to that court only.
 - d. None of the above
- 174. What is the common term for a proposed law?
 - a. Bill
 - b. Session laws
 - c. Committee report
 - d. None of the above
- 175. When amending a bill, which of the following indicates that language is to be deleted or changed?
 - a. Underlining
 - b. Strike-thru
 - c. Bolding
 - d. All of the above
- 176. What does *In Re* mean when used in a case title or case name?
 - a. That there were no adversary parties
 - b. That a special proceeding was involved
 - c. In lieu of
 - D, All of the Above

the	nich of the following types of opinions disagrees with the results and the reasoning of majority? a. Plurality b. Majority c. Dissenting d. None of the above
178.Wł	no is authorized by statute to request an attorney general opinion?
	a. The chairman of the governing board of a river authority
	b. The regent of a state educational institution
	c. The Governor
1	d. All of the above
179.Ho	w are bound copies of law updated?
	a. Pocket parts
	b. Statute attachments
	c. Slip opinions
	d. All of the above
180.	Dictum is the language in the decision that is not essential to the decision of the court. T F
181.	There is only one approach to legal research. T F
182.	A citation is the reference to the legal authority. T F
183.	A headnote is a summary of a statute. T F
184.	The highest appellate courts in Texas are bifurcated. T F

TECHNOLOGY

- 185. The hard drive or hard disk within a computer is a:
 - a. Chip that stores data only for processing
 - b. External storage data
 - c. Fixed disk that stores information long-term
 - d. Disk that performs calculations within the computer
- 186. Which of the following is defined as a data disks?
 - a. CD-ROM
 - b. DVD-ROM
 - c. DVD-RW
 - d. All of the above
- 187. When using social media sites, the court clerk
 - a. Is not bound by the same ethical concerns that the judge has to follow.
 - b. Has taken proper precautions if he or she does not use the sites at work.
 - c. Must be aware that information posted on these sites could become public and reflect on the court
 - d. All of the above.
- 188. Which of the following is true about chat sites?
 - a. They forward electronic mail.
 - b. They transfer files between downloading computers.
 - c. They send electronic mail messages to everyone on the list.
 - d. They allow users to talk in real-time.
- 189. Which of the following should a case management software do (at a minimum)?
 - a. Allow court to monitor cases as they move through the system
 - b. Allow for financial reports to be pulled
 - c. Allow for complaints, courtesy letters and jury notices to be processed
 - d. All of the above
- 190. What company provides the payment option "Quick Collect?"
 - a. Western Union
 - b. Department of Public Safety
 - c. OmniBase
 - d. All of the above

191.A system that allows the public to obtain information about their case status by dialing a local phone number is called a:	
a.	Interactive Voice Responder System
b.	Fax-on-demand System
c.	Kiosks
d.	All of the above
192. What is the study of the way the body moves and works most efficiently and safely?	
a.	Recess
b.	Ergonomics
c.	Labor day
d.	All of the above
193. What does the term "download" refer to?	
a.	To start up a computer
b.	To transfer to your computer a copy of a file that resides on another computer
c.	Security measures designed to protect a network
d.	None of the above
194. A scanner is a:	
a.	Communications port to which a serial device can be attached
b.	Computer program that modifies how certain aspects of the computer work
c.	Device that transfers printed documents into a digital file
d.	None of the above
195. WI	hen a court adopts an imaging system, it is using video for arraignments.
196.A fire T	wall is a fire-proof case for computer hardware.
	law does not allow video arraignments because the judge or magistrate does not see the ed face to face in prison.
198. Те Т	xas law does not allow for fax or electronic filings. F
199. Te	mperature and magnetism can affect computers. F