

Name: _____ Date: _____

Criminal Defenses Exam

- 1) _____ Misdemeanors are worse crimes than felonies.
A) True
B) False
- 2) _____ If you claim “accidental defense,” you had no desire to harm anyone.
A) True
B) False
- 3) _____ If the Defendant claims a legal criminal defense, it is up to the Prosecutor to prove such defense.
A) True
B) False
- 4) _____ Juveniles can never be tried as an adult.
A) True
B) False
- 5) _____ All veterans of war can claim PTSD if ever accused of committing a crime.
A) True
B) False
- 6) _____ A person comes at you with a knife. You grab a nearby baseball bat and swing it at the attacker’s head. The force of the blow kills the attacker immediately. You can claim self-defense when accused of murder.
A) True
B) False
- 7) _____ “Duress” is when you are coerced or forced by another person to commit a crime.
A) True
B) False
- 8) _____ You may claim “entrapment” as a defense when it is impossible to control your conduct.
A) True
B) False
- 9) _____ Any law-abiding citizen can claim “public duty” defense.
A) True
B) False
- 10) _____ The M’Naughten Rule applies to a temporary insanity defense.

- A) True
- B) False

- 11) _____ An illegal act that is less serious than a misdemeanor, and may carry the punishment of only a fine or suspension of privileges, is a _____?
- A) Felony
 - B) Class A Misdemeanor
 - C) Violation
 - D) Obstruction of Justice
- 12) _____ What are the crimes for which one can receive a punishment of 1 year or less in a state prison or county jail?
- A) Felonies
 - B) Misdemeanors
 - C) Violations
 - D) Blue laws
- 13) _____ Battered Woman Syndrome Defense can be claimed if, based on a previous history of abuse from the actor, the victim acted out of fear of _____ from a probable assault by the actor.
- A) bodily injury
 - B) serious bodily injury
 - C) death
 - D) All of the above
- 14) _____ PTSD stands for _____.
- A) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
 - B) Police Training and Security Department
 - C) Prosecutor's Testimonial Suspect Defense
 - D) Pre-Trial Sentencing Deliberations
- 15) _____ Once a juvenile turns 17, his/her criminal records are sealed and cannot be opened _____.
- A) for the rest of his/her life
 - B) unless he/she commits another crime
 - C) unless his/her parents make such a request
 - D) without a court order
- 16) _____ Prior to entering your bank, a man grabs you and points a gun into your ribs. He tells you that he will kill you unless you walk into the bank and hand the teller a note requesting that all of the bank's money be placed in a bag, or else the teller will be shot. With the gun stuck in your side, you commit bank robbery. You can claim which of the following defenses?
- A) Irresistible Impulse
 - B) Entrapment
 - C) Temporary Insanity
 - D) Duress

- 17) _____ Which of the following scenarios could you assert the “Necessity” defense?
- A) Two days after Hurricane Katrina, a man is walking through waist-deep water. He is carrying a 25” flat screen TV that he took from one of the damaged businesses. He is later charged with theft.
 - B) Two days after Hurricane Katrina with no help in sight, a woman takes baby formula from a closed grocery store in which others had broken through the doors. Her six-week-old baby has become dehydrated and lethargic. She feeds him the formula since he has not had anything to eat or drink in three days. She is later charged with theft.
 - C) After Hurricane Katrina, a woman shoots a man inside of the Superdome. She claims that he verbally abused her and her children. She is later charged with murder.
 - D) Prior to Hurricane Katrina, a man carjacks a couple in order to escape the impending weather. He is later charged with auto theft.
- 18) _____ A man is holding a young baby hostage. The man appears in a window holding a pistol at the baby’s head. A police officer shoots and kills the man. Which of the following is the best criminal defense for the officer to claim?
- A) Self-Defense
 - B) Self-Defense of Another
 - C) Public Duty Defense
 - D) All of the above
- 19) _____ “Accidental Defense” can be claimed if _____.
- A) You had a lack of self control
 - B) You committed the crime to avoid a greater evil
 - C) You accidentally pulled the trigger of a gun you were pointing at someone as a threat
 - D) None of the above
- 20) _____ What can be used at trial to prove a claimed defense to a crime?
- A) Expert opinion
 - B) Evidence
 - C) Testimony
 - D) All of the above