

MOUNT PLEASANT YOUTH COURT MINI-BAR EXAM

ANSWER ALL (15) QUESTIONS IN ESSAY FORM (MINIMUM 3 SENTENCES.)

1. WHY DOES THE YOUTH COURT HAVE A SUGGESTED DRESS CODE?
2. WHAT TYPES OF CASES ARE HANDLED BY THE YOUTH COURT? DETAIL AT LEAST THREE (3) SENTENCES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED.
3. DETAIL THE COURT PROCEDURE -STARTING WITH THE OPENING, THE COURT "ALL RISE," THROUGH TO THE SENTENCING.
4. AFTER BEING ASSIGNED AS A YOUTH COURT DEFENSE ATTORNEY, HOW WOULD YOU ANALYZE AND PREPARE YOUR CASE?
5. AS A YOUTH COURT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, HOW WOULD YOU ARGUE FOR A RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION AND SENTENCE?
6. DISCUSS THE CONCEPTS OF "BURDEN OF PROOF" AND "PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE", AND HOW THEY APPLY IN OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM.
7. AS A YOUTH COURT STAFF MEMBER, WHAT SHOULD BE YOUR ETHICAL DUTIES?

8. WHAT BENEFITS ARE OBTAINED BY THE YOUTH COURT PARTICIPANTS? (STAFF AND DEFENDANTS).

9. WHEN WE SPEAK OF "JUSTICE" IN THE COURT SYSTEM, WHAT DO WE MEAN? THAT IS, WHAT ARE SOME GOALS (3) WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN YOUTH COURT?

10. ONE OF THE PRINCIPLE CONCEPTS OF THE AMERICAN JUSTICE SYSTEM IS THE "RIGHT TO TRIAL BY YOUR PEERS" DISCUSS THIS CONCEPT AS IT RELATES TO THE YOUTH COURT.

11. OUR PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE STATES "AND JUSTICE FOR ALL", HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO THE YOUTH COURT?

12. WHAT DIFFERENCES ARE THERE IN YOUTH COURT, AS COMPARED TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT?

13. WHAT INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE POLICE INCIDENT REPORT? HOW IS THE INFORMATION USED IN THE YOUTH COURT PROCEDURE?

14. AS A DEFENSE ATTORNEY, HOW WOULD YOU PREPARE YOUR "CLIENT" (DEFENDANT) FOR THE YOUTH COURT SESSION?

15. WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ATTORNEY'S OPENING AND CLOSING STATEMENTS?