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Question: 1

The title sheriff refers to a law enforcement officer responsible for patrol in which area?

A. incorporated municipalities
B. state highways
C. unincorporated areas of a county
D. cities with populations smaller than 500,000

Answer: C

Explanation:
The title sheriff belongs to elected or appointed law enforcement officers of a county. They are primarily responsible for the unincorporated areas of a county, as municipalities have their own police departments. Sheriff departments are also responsible for the administration of county jails.

Question: 2

Which of the following levels of law enforcement has grown the most rapidly in the last decade?

A. federal
B. state
C. local
D. private

Answer: D

Explanation:
The fourth level of law enforcement is performed by private protective services. These are individuals who contract with private entities or subcontract with the government to perform the security functions of law enforcement agencies. There are already more private security personnel in the United States than public law officers and the number of private security officers is growing at a rate of 4 percent per year.

Question: 3

Which of the following reasons is NOT a valid pretext for police to search an area during an arrest without a search warrant?

A. to protect the arresting officers
B. to prevent evidence from being destroyed

C. to keep the defendant from escaping
D. to gather evidence for prosecution

Answer: D

Explanation:
In the case Chime v. California (1969), the Supreme Court laid down the rules for arresting officers. The prosecution in the case argued that officers searched the home of Chime to protect themselves. During this time, they found evidence of Chime's crime. The court ruled that the officers only had the right to search the area within Chime's immediate control and not the entire house.

Question: 4

Which of the following is inappropriate law enforcement that actually causes a crime to be committed?

A. anomie
B. entrapment
C. collateral estoppels
D. actus reus

Answer: B

Explanation:
Entrapment occurs when law enforcement officers induce a person to act unlawfully. Officers may fool people, but they cannot convince a person that an act is not criminal or cause them to commit a crime they would not otherwise commit. Actus reus is literally a guilty act. Collateral estoppels means when a crime has already been judged, it cannot be judged again. Anomie is when ethical or community standards are lost.

Question: 5

Which policing style described by James Q. Wilson is characterized by the maintenance of order through selective police intervention?

A. the watchman style
B. the legalistic style
C. the service style
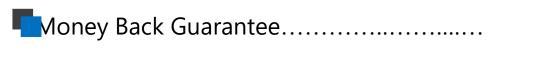D. the reform style

Answer: A

Explanation:
The watchman style is an attempt to create order in the community through targeting undesirable behavior and selective intimidation of people thought to have committed crimes. These

tactics can include intimidation through threats and violence against those that disrupt the status quo. The legalistic style refers to a strict adherence to the letter of the law. The service style is the most prevalent today and involves assisting community groups to influence crime statistics. The reform style is not one mentioned by Wilson.