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Chapter 1 Legal Heritage and the Digital Age

1) Law is described as_____.

A) a body of rules of action or conduct prescribed by controlling authority and having binding legal force

B) a study of fundamental problems, such as those connected with existence like knowledge and language

C) a legal system that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions

D) a group of legal hypotheses employed to explain a legal phenomenon

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

2) The Analytical School of jurisprudence maintains that the law should be_____.

A) shaped by logic

B) based on social behavior

C) set by the ruling class

D) based on morality

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

3) Which school of jurisprudence views law as a sort of evolutionary process, where changing norms of society will be reflected in the law?

A) the Natural Law School of jurisprudence

- B) the Sociological School of jurisprudence
- C) the Analytical School of jurisprudence
- D) the Historical School of jurisprudence

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

4) Imposing a ban on public smoking can serve as an example of a law that adheres to the _____ School of jurisprudence.

- A) Command
- B) Sociological
- C) Law and Economics
- D) Analytical

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

5) Proponents of the Command School of jurisprudence will assert that the law is _____.

- A) developed, communicated, and enforced by the ruling party
- B) a means to achieve and advance sociological goals
- C) a collection of a society's traditions and customs that has developed over the centuries
- D) based on human reasoning, and humans' choosing power between what is good and evil

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

6) Which school of jurisprudence bases its principles, for solving legal disputes, on broad notions of fairness, and subjective decision making by judges?

- A) the Natural Law School of jurisprudence
- B) the Analytical School of jurisprudence
- C) the Critical Legal Studies School of jurisprudence
- D) the Sociological School of jurisprudence

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

7) Which school of jurisprudential thought emphasizes using law as a tool for market efficiency while solving legal disputes?

- A) the Critical Legal Studies School of jurisprudence
- B) the Command School of jurisprudence
- C) the Sociological School of jurisprudence
- D) the Law and Economics School of jurisprudence

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

8) Which school of jurisprudential thought is reflected in documents such as the U.S. Constitution, the Magna Carta, and the United Nations Charter?

- A) the Natural Law School
- B) the Historical School
- C) the Sociological School
- D) the Analytical School

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

9) The U.S. government passed draft laws during the Vietnam War decreeing that men of a certain age had to serve in the military if they met specific physical requirements. Which of the following schools of jurisprudential thought does such draft laws adhere to the most?

- A) the Historical School of jurisprudence
- B) the Natural Law School of jurisprudence
- C) the Sociological School of jurisprudence
- D) the Command School of jurisprudence

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

10) Businesses that are organized in the United States are subject to its laws, but not to the laws of other countries in which they do business.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

11) The Law and Economics School of jurisprudential thought believes that promoting market efficiency should be the central concern of legal decision making.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

12) The Critical Legal Studies School proposes that legal rules are unnecessary and are used as an obstacle by the powerful to maintain the status quo.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

13) The Critical Legal Studies School of jurisprudential thought seeks to restrict the subjective decision-making powers of judges.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

14) The Analytical School of jurisprudence lays emphasis on how the result of a case is reached rather than the logic of the result itself.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

15) The Natural Law School of jurisprudence emphasizes shaping laws based on morals and ethics.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

16) The Historical School of jurisprudence believes that changes in the norms of society will gradually be reflected in the law.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

17) The _____ School of jurisprudence emphasizes shaping laws on the basis of morality and ethics.

Answer: Natural Law

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

18) The _____ School of jurisprudence maintains that the law is shaped by logic.

Answer: Analytical

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

19) The _____ School of jurisprudence states that promoting market efficiency should be the central goal of legal decision making.

Answer: Law and Economics

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

20) Differentiate between the Historical School of jurisprudence and the Sociological School of jurisprudence.

Answer: The Historical School of jurisprudence believes that the law is an aggregate of social traditions and customs that have developed over the centuries. It believes that changes in the norms of society will gradually be reflected in the law. To these legal philosophers, the law is an evolutionary process. Historical legal scholars look to past legal decisions (precedent) to solve contemporary problems.

The Sociological School of jurisprudence asserts that the law is a means of achieving and advancing certain sociological goals. The followers of this philosophy, known as realists, believe that the purpose of law is to shape social behavior. Sociological philosophers are unlikely to adhere to past law as precedent.

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.1 Define law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

21) Which of the following would be considered an example of shaping moral standards, as seen as a function of the law?

- A) laws granting freedom of speech and religion
- B) laws discouraging drug and alcohol abuse
- C) laws providing for the right to peaceful protest
- D) laws preventing the overthrow of a government

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.2 Describe the functions of law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

22) What function of the law is being served when passing laws that prohibit discrimination at workplaces?

- A) keeping the peace
- B) providing a basis for compromise
- C) maintaining the status quo
- D) promoting social justice

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.2 Describe the functions of law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

23) Halfren, a county in the state of Halizona, is earthquake-prone. The governor of Halizona sets up a committee to explore the possible methods that could be used to minimize damage and loss of life. The committee found that a new technique of using steel reinforcements in building columns would help reduce overall damages. The findings were put to a debate at the local town hall, where it was accepted by a majority of the residents. The state government then passed a law making it mandatory to use the new technique while constructing new buildings in Halfren. Which of the following functions of the law did the state government of Halizona exhibit in this case?

- A) promoting social justice
- B) maximizing individual freedom
- C) shaping moral standards
- D) facilitating orderly change

Answer: D

Diff: 3

Skill: Factual Application

LO: 1.2 Describe the functions of law.

AACSB: Application of knowledge

Classification: Application

24) What function of the law is being served when passing laws that protect the U.S. government from the risk of being forcefully overthrown?

- A) maintaining the status quo
- B) shaping moral standards
- C) facilitating orderly change
- D) promoting social justice

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.2 Describe the functions of law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

25) By allowing the U.S. citizens to practice any religion of their choice, what essential function of the law does the U.S. Constitution serve?

- A) facilitating orderly change
- B) maintaining the status quo
- C) maximizing individual freedom
- D) facilitating planning

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.2 Describe the functions of law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

26) Mark Walton was involved in a car accident in which the airbag of his car failed to deploy. He sued the car manufacturer for installing faulty airbags. But in the course of the case being heard in court, the car company and Mark decided to settle the lawsuit out of court. What important function of the law was served in this case?

- A) promoting social justice
- B) maximizing individual freedom
- C) providing a basis for compromise
- D) maintaining the status quo

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Skill: Factual Application

LO: 1.2 Describe the functions of law.

AACSB: Application of knowledge

Classification: Application

27) _____ is a key function of the law, which includes laws that prevent the violent overthrow of governments.

Answer: Maintaining the status quo

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.2 Describe the functions of law.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

28) What was the key factor in the development of the English common law?

- A) the development of forensic science in helping decide cases
- B) the supremacy of the king and his intervening powers when deciding cases
- C) the use of precedence of past cases for judges to decide present similar cases
- D) the subjective decision making of judges when it came to similar cases

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

29) What was the key reason for the creation of law courts during the early development of the English common law?

- A) to administer law in a uniform manner
- B) to help merchants form a standardized set of commercial laws
- C) to increase the power of the king in law-making
- D) to facilitate legal disputes for the wealthy and influential

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

30) Which of the following statements best indicates how chancery courts were different from law courts?

- A) Chancery courts emphasized developing merchant laws rather than laws for the common citizen.
- B) Chancery courts inquired into the merits of a case rather than emphasize legal procedures.
- C) Chancery courts emphasized a standard set of remedies across different cases rather than provide equitable remedies.
- D) Chancery courts had lower precedence level over legal decisions than the law courts.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

31) _____ courts were allowed to give equitable remedies under the English common law.

- A) Merchant
- B) Law
- C) Chancery
- D) Appellate

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

32) What led to the creation of the Chancery Courts?

- A) the insistence for a court system that emphasized legal procedure rather than the merits of a case
- B) the law courts' inability to hear all the cases presented to them
- C) the increase in overseas trade and proliferation of piracy
- D) the unfair results and limited remedies provided by the law courts

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

33) Equitable orders and remedies of the Court of Chancery took precedence over the legal decisions and remedies of the law courts.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

34) The merchant courts were established because of the unfair results and limited remedies available in the chancery courts.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

35) English common law was law developed by judges who issued their opinions when deciding cases.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

36) The law courts of the English common law could only provide monetary awards for damages.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

37) In early English common law, equitable remedies were provided by the _____ courts.

Answer: Chancery/equity

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

38) Owing to some unfair results and limited remedies available in the law courts, _____ courts were established.

Answer: Chancery/equity

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

39) The adoption of the _____ law led to precedence being an important feature of the American legal system.

Answer: English common

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

40) In countries that follow a civil law system, the adjudication of a case is done simply by applying _____ or parliamentary statutes to the particular set of facts of that case.

Answer: codes

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

41) Give an account of the Law Merchant in early English common law.

Answer: As trade developed during the Middle Ages, merchants who traveled about England and Europe developed certain rules to solve their commercial disputes. These rules, known as the "law of merchants" or the Law Merchant, were based on common trade practices and usage. Eventually, a separate set of courts was established to administer these rules. This court was called the Merchant Court. In the early 1900s, the Merchant Court was absorbed into the regular law court system of England.

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.3 Explain the development of the U.S. legal system.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

42) What is considered as the supreme law of the land in the United States?

- A) judicial decisions issued by the state courts
- B) the Constitution of the United States of America
- C) the federal statutes passed by the United States Congress
- D) executive orders passed by the president

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

43) The _____ branch of the federal government has the power to enforce the law.

- A) judicial
- B) legislative
- C) executive
- D) commissary

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

- 44) What is the function of the judicial branch of the federal government?
A) It has the power to interpret and determine the validity of the law.
B) It has the power to enact the law.
C) It has the power to enforce the law.
D) It has the power to act as a liaison between the legislative and executive branches.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

- 45) The _____ branch of the federal government has the power to enact laws.

- A) legislative
- B) judiciary
- C) consulate
- D) executive

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

- 46) A(n) _____ is a compact made between two or more nations.

- A) amendment
- B) treaty
- C) charter
- D) statute

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

47) A(n) _____ is a written law enacted by the legislative branch of the federal and state governments that establishes certain courses of conduct to which covered parties must adhere.

- A) charter
- B) treaty
- C) executive order
- D) statute

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

48) From the following, identify an example of codified law in the United States.

- A) judicial rulings
- B) federal statutes
- C) treaties
- D) executive orders

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

49) Ordinances are codified laws that are issued by _____.

- A) the president
- B) the state legislature
- C) the Supreme Court judges
- D) local government bodies

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

50) _____ are established by the legislative and executive branches of the federal government to enforce and interpret statutes enacted by the Congress and state legislatures.

- A) Commissaries
- B) State courts
- C) Administrative agencies
- D) Councils

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

51) What is a judicial decision?

- A) a decision issued by the executive branch in a state of emergency
- B) a decision about an individual lawsuit issued by a federal or state court
- C) a codified law passed by the state legislature
- D) a decision issued by the legislative branch to establish courses of conduct to which covered parties must adhere

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

52) *Stare decisis* is the doctrine of_____.

- A) providing proof to assert a fact in court
- B) adhering to legal precedent
- C) separating powers between state and religion
- D) ensuring all legal rights are provided to a person when otherwise deprived of them

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

53) How is legal precedent used between courts of different states?

- A) Courts of a state cannot cite the judicial decisions of courts of another state in its decisions.
- B) Courts of a state must follow precedent from courts of another state for similar cases.
- C) Courts of a state can use precedent from courts of another state as a form of guidance.
- D) Courts of a state cannot challenge the precedence of courts of another state.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

54) How does the doctrine of *stare decisis* help in creating stability in a legal system?

- A) by ensuring that witnesses of a case will be protected by the state
- B) by ensuring that the legal rights of a defendant are preserved
- C) by allowing the use of precedence in deciding future cases
- D) by allowing the use of writs

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

55) The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), created by the Congress to enforce federal securities laws, is an example of a(n)_____.

- A) intelligence agency
- B) congressional body
- C) judicial body
- D) administrative agency

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

56) Powers not given to the federal government by the U.S. Constitution are reserved to the states.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

57) Provisions of federal law are valid as long as they do not conflict with any state law.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

58) Within a state, the state constitution precedes the U.S. Constitution.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

59) Administrative agencies are created by the judicial branch of government.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

60) A treaty does not require Senate approval before being passed.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

61) Federal statutes take precedence over treaties.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

62) Treaties are considered to be part of the supreme law of the United States of America.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

63) Statutes are written laws that establish certain courses of conduct that covered parties must adhere to.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

64) Federal statutes are organized by topic into code books.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

65) The authority to enact ordinances lies solely with the state legislatures.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

66) Executive orders are an example of codified law.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

67) Ordinances are not codified into code books.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

68) State courts of one state are not required to follow the legal precedent established by the courts of another state.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

69) The doctrine of *stare decisis* provides that each court decision is independent and should stand on its own.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

70) The _____ branch of the government has the power to enact laws.

Answer: legislative

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

71) The _____ branch of the government has the power to interpret and determine the validity of the law.

Answer: judicial

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

72) A(n) _____ is a compact made between two or more nations and becomes part of the supreme law of the land.

Answer: treaty

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

73) Federal statutes that are organized by topic into code books are referred to as _____ law.

Answer: codified

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

74) The _____ is the legislative branch of the U.S. government and has the power to enact the law.

Answer: Congress

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

75) The legislative and _____ branches of federal and state governments are empowered to establish administrative agencies.

Answer: executive

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

76) According to the doctrine of *stare decisis*, past court decisions become _____ for deciding future cases.

Answer: precedent

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

77) Explain the doctrine of *stare decisis* and how it has influenced the legal system.

Answer: Adherence to precedent is called the doctrine of *stare decisis*. The doctrine of *stare decisis* promotes uniformity of law within a jurisdiction, makes the court system more efficient, and makes the law more predictable for individuals and businesses. A court may later change or reverse its legal reasoning if a new case is presented to it and change is warranted. Based on the common law tradition, past court decisions become precedent for deciding future cases. Lower courts must follow the precedent established by higher courts. That is why all federal and state courts in the United States must follow the precedents established by U.S. Supreme Court decisions. The courts of one jurisdiction are not bound by the precedent established by the courts of another jurisdiction, although they may look to each other for guidance.

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

78) Explain the priority of law in the United States.

Answer: In the United States, the U.S. Constitution and treaties take precedence over all other laws in the United States. Federal statutes take precedence over federal regulations. Valid federal law takes precedence over any conflicting state or local law. State constitutions rank as the highest state law. State statutes take precedence over state regulations. Valid state law takes precedence over local laws.

Diff: 1

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

79) Give an account of how the digital age has affected lawmaking in the United States.

Answer: In a span of about three decades since their use became worldwide, computers have revolutionized society. Computers, once primarily used by businesses, have permeated the lives of most families as well. The electronic age arrived before new laws were written that were unique and specific for this environment. Courts have applied existing laws to the new digital environment by requiring interpretations and applications. In addition, new laws have been written that apply specifically to this new environment. The U.S. Congress has led the way, enacting many new federal statutes to regulate the digital environment.

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.4 List and describe the sources of law in the United States.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept

80) The Supreme Court case decision on the case of *Brown v. Board of Education* was important because it exhibited_____.

- A) the use of the affirmative action policy
- B) the scope of flexibility of the law
- C) the state's supremacy over federal rulings
- D) the importance of following precedence

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Skill: Legal Concepts

LO: 1.5 Discuss the importance of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

AACSB: Analytical thinking

Classification: Concept