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Citizenship: Rights, Legal Duties and Civic Responsibilities

Directions: Decide whether each action is required by law, expected of good citizens or protected as a right, and who holds that right. All of the people described are invented.

1. What is the main difference between a legal duty and a civic responsibility?

A. A legal duty is set by each state, while a civic responsibility is set by the Constitution.

B. A legal duty is required by law, while a civic responsibility is expected but not required.

C. A legal duty ends at age 18, while a civic responsibility begins at age 18.

D. A legal duty applies only to citizens, while a civic responsibility applies to everyone.

2. Match each example to the category that fits it most specifically.

Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ Paying the taxes a person owes
2. _____ Learning about the candidates and issues before an election
3. _____ Running for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives
4. _____ Practicing any religion, or none at all

A. A legal duty

B. A right that protects everyone in the country

C. A civic responsibility

D. A right held only by citizens

3. Daniela, a U.S. citizen, receives a summons from her county court ordering her to report for jury service next month. Which statement about her summons is accurate?

A. She may ignore it, because jury service is only a civic responsibility.

B. She must respond to it, because serving when summoned is a legal duty.

C. She may ignore it, because only lawyers can be required to serve on juries.

D. She must respond to it only if she voted in the most recent election.

4. Marcus, a U.S. citizen who turned 18 last spring, decides not to vote in this year's election for Congress. Which statement about his choice is accurate?

A. He must pay a fine, as citizens who skip an election are required to do.

B. He has broken a federal law that requires every adult citizen to vote.

C. No law makes him vote; voting is a right and a civic responsibility.

D. He must vote, because voting is a legal duty, just like paying taxes.

5. Akira is visiting the United States on vacation from another country. He drives through a red light and receives a traffic ticket. Which statement about his situation is accurate?

A. He may ignore the ticket, because visitors follow only their home country's laws.

B. He must follow U.S. traffic laws only if he plans to become a citizen someday.

C. He must follow U.S. traffic laws, because everyone in the country must obey its laws.

D. He may ignore the ticket, because only citizens must obey U.S. laws.

6. Priya has been a lawful permanent resident of the United States for six years and is not a citizen. Which TWO of these may she do? Select 2.

☐ A. Receive a fair trial if she is ever charged with a crime

☐ B. Vote in the next election for president

☐ C. Write a letter to the newspaper criticizing a city plan

☐ D. Run for a seat in the U.S. Senate

☐ E. Serve on a jury in a federal court

7. Yusuf came to the United States as a child and became a citizen through naturalization ten years ago. He is now 40 and has lived in his state for 20 years. He hopes to run for the U.S. Senate and, someday, for president. Which statement about his plans is accurate?

A. He may serve in neither office, because both require being born in the United States.

B. He may serve in both offices, because every citizen may run for any office.

C. He may serve in the Senate, but the Constitution bars him from being president.

D. He may serve as president, but senators must have been born in the United States.

8. Which of these is a civic responsibility rather than a legal duty?

A. Paying a fine that a judge has ordered

B. Registering a car with the state before driving it on public roads

C. Volunteering to help clean up a public park

D. Appearing in court after receiving a subpoena to testify