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Business Law Marriage and Divorce Test

Hour _____ Date _____

True/False: Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

- _____ 1. A valid prenuptial agreement lists each person's assets and the rights each has to control his or her property upon divorce or death.
- _____ 2. A common-law marriage, entered into in a state that recognizes it, is valid only in that state.
- _____ 3. Both parties may be absent from the marriage ceremony if agents represent them in a proxy marriage.
- _____ 4. In a non-community property state, the assets gained during the marriage are divided proportionately.
- _____ 5. Cruelty due to mental suffering can be grounds for divorce.

Multiple Choice: Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 6. Persons related by blood are said to be related by
 - a. affinity.
 - b. bigamy.
 - c. common law.
 - d. consanguinity.
- _____ 7. A marriage in which someone legally authorized to do so represents the bride and/or groom is known as a(n)
 - a. common-law marriage.
 - b. proxy marriage.
 - c. ceremonial marriage.
 - d. absentee marriage.
- _____ 8. After marriage, the parties may use any name
 - a. after a six-month waiting period.
 - b. provided they get permission from a judge
 - c. provided they do not commit fraud.
 - d. except the wife's surname.
- _____ 9. In early colonial times, a marriage had to be performed by the cleric or magistrate and was known as
 - a. ceremonial marriage.
 - b. common-law marriage.
 - c. covenant marriage.
 - d. proxy marriage.
- _____ 10. A person who has three or more spouses at the same time is guilty of
 - a. bigamy.
 - b. affinity.
 - c. polygamy.
 - d. monogamy.
- _____ 11. Upon divorce in every state, each spouse has an equal right to
 - a. one third of the marital property.
 - b. pursue an annulment.
 - c. custody of the children.
 - d. one-half of the marital property.
- _____ 12. A no-fault divorce is a divorce granted without either party having
 - a. a legal separation.
 - b. to prove the other party was guilty of misconduct.
 - c. to reveal the dollar amount of the assets.
 - d. to announce who requested the divorce first.

- ____ 13. Payment to a divorced person by a former spouse for support and maintenance is known as
a. alimony. c. support payment.
b. judgment. d. child support.
- ____ 14. Which of the following is NOT a requirement of a legal marriage in most states?
a. age requirement c. waiting period
b. marriage license d. prenuptial agreement
- ____ 15. All parents, whether married or not, have the duty to
a. provide a car for their children.
b. provide a college education for their children.
c. support their children.
d. raise their children.

Matching: *Match each term with its definition.*

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| a. prenuptial agreement | f. common-law marriage |
| b. consanguinity | g. adultery |
| c. affinity | h. annulment |
| d. bigamy | i. marriage |
| e. polygamy | j. divorce |

- ____ 16. The legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife
- ____ 17. A declaration by the court that a marriage was never valid
- ____ 18. A written and signed legal contract couples make before getting married
- ____ 19. Related by marriage
- ____ 20. A declaration by the court that a marriage has ended
- ____ 21. The act of having two spouses at the same time
- ____ 22. Informal marriage created by the parties themselves
- ____ 23. The act of having more than two spouses at the same time
- ____ 24. When one spouse has sexual relations with someone outside of the marriage
- ____ 25. Related by blood

Short Answer

26. What are the rights (5) and obligations (2) in a marriage?