**Rights of the Accused: Misconception Check**

**Instructions**: Below is a series of statements that refer to the legal rights of a person who is accused (i.e. has been arrested and then charged) of a crime. Decide whether the statement is true or false and circle the corresponding word.

1. An accused person has the right against any search of their person.

True False

2. An accused person has the right to an interpreter in a court proceeding.

True False

3. An accused person does not have to be told what offence they are charged with.

True False

4. An accused person does not have to be allowed bail and is usually kept in custody until the trial.

True False

5. An accused person has the right to get a lawyer immediately after they are arrested.

True False

6. An accused person, when there is a great deal of evidence against them, may be found guilty before a legal trial takes place.

True False

7. An accused person has the right to a trial within a reasonable amount of time.

True False

8. An accused person has the right to trial by jury if an offence can be punished with imprisonment for five years or more.

True False

9 . A person has the right not to be arrested for no reason.

True False

10 . An accused person has the right to not undergo cruel or extreme punishment.

True False

Reference:

“Your Rights - Information for Accused.” *Province of British Columbia*, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, 14 Jan. 2019, www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/bcs-criminal-justice-system/if-you-are-accused-of-a-crime/your-rights.