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HANDOUT 3: What Do You Know?

After reading Handout 2: Criminal Court Procedure answer the following questions

1. Provide examples of criminal matters.

2. Which court hears the majority of criminal cases in BC?

3. Which court hears the most serious criminal cases?

4. Describe the role and responsibilities of each of the following court personnel: court clerk, sheriff and judge.

5. Why is the prosecuting lawyer called “Crown Counsel”?

6. How many jurors sit on criminal matters? How many must agree in a criminal case?

7. Describe the four ways in which an accused can be brought to court.

8. What is an “information” and how is it obtained? What is its purpose?

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9. What is a Promise to Appear (PTA)?

10. What are the options for the court when deciding what to do with a person arrested without a warrant?

11. What is a “first appearance”? What happens if an accused fails to meet his/her first appearance?

12. What is a preliminary hearing and why is it an important step in the criminal court process?

13. List and describe the three different categories of criminal offences. Provide an example of each type of offence.

14. In the criminal process what is an “election”? What types of offences have elections? Why?
