

Introduction to Law
Chapter 15 pp. 173-186
“Sentencing and Corrections”

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Answer the following questions as completely as possible.

1. Identify the following sentencing options:

Suspended sentence –

Probation –

Home confinement –

Fine –

Restitution –

Work release –

2. What are “three-strikes laws”? Identify the pros and cons of such laws.

3. What considerations are made in the sentencing process? How did Congress attempt to combat the problem of inconsistency in federal sentencing?

4. Identify the following as they relate to sentencing and corrections:

Retribution –

Deterrence –

Rehabilitation –

Incapacitation –

5. Define parole –

6. When was the death first used in America? What restrictions have been placed on its use over time?

7. Describe the “two-part” trial that takes place in the trial for a capital offense.

8. Define:

Aggravating circumstances –

Mitigating circumstances –

9. Arguments against the death penalty:

A.

B.

C.

Arguments in favor of the death penalty:

A.

B.

C.

10. What rights do prisoners have while they are incarcerated?

11. What has happened to the U.S. prison population over the past 15 years? Identify several reasons for the change. How does the U.S. prison population compare with other industrialized nations?

12. What is the average cost of maintaining a person in prison? How have some states dealt with the problems created by prison overcrowding?