

Comparative Prison Quiz

1. Using the word bank, match the following terms with the best description of the term.

Incarceration / Mitigating Factors / Psychiatric Assessment / Intermittent Sentence / Pardon / Recidivism

a) Circumstances that may decrease the severity of the sentence	Mitigating Factors
b) A rare occurrence that the jury deems the sentence has already been served meaning that the offender does not need to serve time	
c) The early release of a prisoner due to good behavior	
d) A sentence served on weekends and at night	Intermittent Sentence
e) A report describing the mental history of the offender	Psychiatric Assessment
f) Reports of the mental damage done to victims' friends and family	
g) Imprisonment for a specific period	Incarceration
h) Committing and being sentenced to the same crime after being released from prison	
i) Returning to crime after release from prison	Recidivism
j) The immediate sentencing of an offender without going to court	
k) The setting aside of a person's record of conviction	Pardon
l) Someone put into constant solitary confinement for being a danger to others and themselves.	

2. Give examples for the following terms.

a) Incarceration

If I had committed first degree murder, a common sentencing would be life in prison without parole.

b) Mitigating Factors

If I had a really rough childhood and went through a lot of traumas or even if the victims' families and friends had forgiven me, it would be taken into consideration of how long my sentencing would be.

c) Psychiatric Assessment

If there were concerns surrounding me about me about my mental health, a psychiatric assessment would be used to test and diagnose my mental health.

d) Intermittent Sentence

If I was serving an intermittent sentence, I could stay at home in the morning and go out for fun or work during the day but at night I would have to go to prison as well as on weekdays for the entire day.

e) Pardon

If I was wrongfully convicted and evidence came to light that proved I was innocent, I could be pardoned and I would be set free.

d) Recidivism

If I was released from prison for serving my sentence in thief and I immediately went back to stealing, that would be an example of recidivism.

3. Answer the following questions with True or False and correct the statement if false.

a) Victim impact statements can be written by any of the victims friends and family describing the harm done or the loss suffered as a result of the offence, meaning that court hearings could take days as they need to read through all of them.

True

b) Probation is a sentence that allows a convicted person to leave the prison/jail to live within the community without the supervision of a parole officer because of good behaviour in prison/jail.

False - Probation is a sentence that allows a convicted person to live within the community under the supervision of a parole officer.

c) Unescorted Temporary Absence means the prisoner has escaped from their prison and law enforcers are working on locating and bringing the convicted prisoner back behind bars.

False - Unescorted temporary absence is the brief release from custody to partake in community service or for personal reasons .

4. Give an example of when the term would be used for the following terms.

a) Retribution

Retribution is the punishment to avenge a crime, ensuring that the offender suffers the consequences of their action. Looking back at history, a common use of retribution would be to chop a thief's hand off for stealing so that they can not steal again.

b) Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation is the punishment combined with treatment and training to help offenders function in society. Arresting drug abusers and offering counselling, prescription to help with addiction along with medical treatment is one example of rehabilitation.

c) Restitution

Restitution is a punishment that requires the offender to pay the victim or society back for the harm or loss suffered. If I had a car accident and accidentally crashed into some fences, I would have to come up with a solution with the homeowner/land owner such as paying for a new fence or building a new one for them.