**Overview of the Courts – the Supreme Court - Questions & Answers**

The Chief Justice talks about his upbringing and home life as a child. Tick all the statements that are true.

What's the important thing he says in relation to some of these statements?

What is the first rule for judges to learn?

What's the English translation of the Latin phrase he mentions? "Audi alteram partem"

The Chief Justice talks about the role of the Chief Justice. He is the President of the Supreme Court. He is also the Head of the Judiciary - true or false.

The Chief Justice mentions a quality being one of the most important ones in life?

He quotes F.E. Smith who talked about glittering prizes being offered by the world to those who have what...

**Advocacy in Court – Part one - Questions & Answers**

Q: True or False: Examination in Chief is when you examine a witness of the opposing side?

* **False**

Q: What is mentioned as the golden rule when examining any witness?

* To know the case extremely well
* **To never ask a question you don’t know the answer to**
* To have all your questions prepared in advance

Q: True or False: Barristers should keep questions simple and structured?

* **True**

Q: True or False: Leading questions are allowed when cross-examining witnesses?

* **False**

Q: It is important to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ towards a witness?

* **Fair**
* Aggressive
* Emotional

Q: True or False: The more aggressive you are towards a witness the more likely they are to admit guilt?

* **False**

**Take a look at a judgment - Questions & Answers**

Q: What does the term ‘Plaintiff’ mean?

* Describes the person being prosecuted in a criminal trial
* The Plaintiff is another name for a barrister
* **Refers to the person who is suing someone in a civil trial**
* The Plaintiff is another term for the solicitor

Q: What do you think cross-examination means?

* A grumpy or ‘cross’ type of argument
* **When a witness is questioned by the other person’s barrister**
* It’s to do with speeches to the jury
* Cross-examination is the summing up of the trial by the judge

Q: What ruling did the High Court make – did it:

* Find that the County Council was responsible for the injuries suffered by the Plaintiff?
* **Find that the County Council was not responsible for the injuries suffered by the Plaintiff?**
* Find that the Plaintiff and County Council were both equally at fault?
* Find that the Plaintiff was responsible for the injuries that they suffered?

Q: Is the High Court?

* A lower court than the Circuit Court
* **A higher court than the Circuit Court**

Q: What does the term ‘Defendant’ mean?

* The Defendant is another name for a barrister.
* **Refers to the person who is being sued.**

Q: The law is called the Occupiers’ Liability Act 1995. Does this mean:

* **The law was passed in the year 1995.**
* It was the 1995th piece of legislation passed since Ireland became independent
* 1995 is simply used by lawyers to locate the law and does not refer to year.
* Not sure.

Q: What is ‘a judgment’?

* Any opinion a judge has is a judgment
* **The result of the judge applying the law to the facts to come a conclusion**
* Another name for a judge

Q: In the judgment it states: ‘... but as the Supreme Court emphasised in *Weir-Rodgers v. The S.F. Trust Ltd.* [2005] IESC 2 (Unreported, Supreme Court, 21st January, 2005), per Geoghegan J. (Murray C.J. and Denham J. concurring)...’. What does the C.J. after Murray mean?

* It stands for Charles James Murray.
* **It means Chief Justice Murray.**
* It means Charles J Murray.
* Not sure.

Q: What do you think ‘duty of care’ means in the judgment?

* An obligation to care for someone, like a family member for example.
* A duty on Cork County Council to remove the boulders and all possible dangers?
* A duty on Cork County Council to follow the court’s judgment.
* **A legal obligation to adhere to a standard of reasonable care?**

**Traditions and customs at the Bar - Questions & Answers**

Q: True or False: Barristers wear brown gowns at court hearings?

* **False**

Q: True or False: Irish barristers court attire is essentially the same as English barristers?

* **True**

Q: Which one of the four is not a main distinctions of Senior Counsels gowns to Junior Counsels’ gowns?

* Made of silk
* Higher quality
* **Longer**
* More expensive

Q: How many years do barristers work on average as Junior Counsel before becoming senior counsel?

* **15-20 years**
* 10 years
* 5 years

Q: True or False: Most Irish barristers still wear wigs?

* **False**

Q: True or False: Barristers wear gowns at all times during the year in court?

* **False**

Q: In what area of law do barristers not wear court attire?

* Contract law
* **Family law**
* Criminal law