

BPTC Practice Test Questions and Answers

1. What is 'real evidence'?

- A) Evidence given by a witness who actually saw the event
- B) Physical objects or tangible items produced for inspection by the court, such as a weapon or a document
- C) Evidence of a fact that is not in dispute
- D) CCTV footage admitted under a hearsay exception

2. What is 'judicial notice'?

- A) A judge's warning to the jury about the credibility of a witness
- B) The court's acceptance of a fact as proven without formal evidence because it is notorious or can be verified by reference to authoritative sources
- C) A note from the judge summarising the evidence
- D) An instruction to parties to disclose documents

3. What does a 'Newton hearing' determine?

- A) Whether the defendant is fit to plead
- B) The factual basis for sentencing when the prosecution and defence dispute the facts after a guilty plea
- C) Whether bad character evidence should be admitted
- D) Whether the defendant's confession was obtained properly

4. A 'Voluntary Bill of Indictment' is used when:

- A) The defendant pleads guilty in the magistrates' court
- B) The prosecution wishes to prefer a bill directly to the Crown Court, bypassing the normal committal or sending procedure
- C) A defendant appeals a conviction from the magistrates' court
- D) The judge orders a retrial after a hung jury

Answers: 1-B 2-B 3-B 4-B

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