SAMPLE RESEARCH EXAM QUESTIONS

THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT THE ACTUAL LENGTH OF THE EXAM.

Multiple Choice

1. A decision of the Connecticut Supreme Court will be found in which digests?
   
   I. Decennial  
   II. Connecticut  
   III. Atlantic  
   IV. Federal  
   
   a) II only  
   b) I and II  
   c) I, II and III  
   d) I, II and IV  
   e) All of the above

2. Which of the following is an appropriate typeface for legal citation in a brief or memorandum?  
   A. italics or underlined  
   B. bold  
   C. underlined bold  
   D. large and small caps

3. Which is the correct case citation for a memorandum?  

True/False

4. A restatement can only be secondary authority.
5. Slip opinions are first printed in “advance sheets” that contain a temporary reporter volume and page number that will be replaced by a new volume and page number once the permanent hardbound version is printed.

6. Proposed administrative rules are best located in the Federal Register, not in the Code of Federal Regulations.

7. When an entire panel of judges issues an opinion that is signed by no particular judge, the opinion is referred to as a “plurality opinion.”

8. After checking the pocket part and/or supplement to a West digest, you are done updating the point of law contained in a topic and key number.

You are citing the following authorities or propositions in a legal memorandum, not in a brief or other court document or a law review article. Your firm requires proper Bluebook citation.

If correct, mark A.
If incorrect, mark B.


11. First citation for quoted material found on page 255:


Short Answer

13. Which signal would you use to introduce authority that clearly supports the stated proposition, but is not directly stated?

Use correct BB form to cite the following authority in a legal filing to a Missouri trial court. Do not use a signal but do assume that you are citing each authority separately, not as part of a string citation.

15. Subsections (b) through (d) of section 310 of title 18 of the current United States Code, published in 2000.


17. Your client, Pharmaceutical International (P.I.), is a drug company based in Seattle, Washington. P.I. provides chemotherapy drugs, including ready-to-use IV formulations, to pharmacies throughout the country. One of P.I.’s customers was a pharmacist in Cincinnati, Ohio. This Ohio pharmacist diluted the IV medications prior to dispensing them to physicians treating cancer patients. Now the patients’ families are suing P.I., among others, for breach of duty to inform the patients of the possible drug dilution. The case is pending in the trial court of Ohio, called the Ohio Circuit Court. Ohio tort law applies.

You have found the following authorities on point. Designate each of these authorities as “binding” or persuasive by checking the appropriate column.

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18. Assume that all of the authorities listed above stand for the same proposition. Choose three of these authorities to use in your memorandum and rank them according to their precedential value to your case. A “1” should indicate the greatest value and a “3” the least.

1 = ______________________

2 = ______________________

3 = ______________________