

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. A divorce is
 a. a court order that sets aside a marriage as if it never existed.
 b. a court order that legally ends a valid marriage.
 c. a legal separation in which the couple is still legally married.
 d. none of the above
2. A separation agreement
 a. is always oral.
 b. once signed, cannot be changed unless a court or both spouses agree to a change.
 c. is usually made part of the divorce decree.
 d. b and c only
3. Typical grounds for divorce include
 a. adultery, foster care, and desertion. c. adultery, desertion, and no-fault.
 b. informal separation, and no-fault. d. none of these
4. Money paid to help support an ex-wife or ex-husband after a divorce is
 a. separation agreement. c. alimony.
 b. property division. d. child support.
5. If a defendant objects to claims in a complaint in a divorce action, it is known as
 a. an uncontested divorce. c. a covenant divorce.
 b. a contested divorce. d. a no-fault divorce.

SAMPLE STATE CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE
MONTHLY BASIC SUPPORT OBLIGATION PER CHILD

(KEY: A = AGE 0–11, B = AGE 12–18)

Combined Monthly Net Income	One-Child Family		Two-Child Family		Three-Child Family		Four-Child Family		Five-Child Family	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
For income less than \$600, the obligation is based upon the resources and living expenses of each household. Minimum support shall not be less than \$25 per child per month.										
\$600	\$133	\$164	\$103	\$127	\$86	\$106	\$73	\$90	\$63	\$78
700	155	191	120	148	100	124	85	105	74	91
800	177	218	137	170	115	142	97	120	84	104
900	199	246	154	191	129	159	109	135	95	118
1000	220	272	171	211	143	177	121	149	105	130

6. According to the sample child support schedule, how much money is the least amount that an 18-year-old father would have to pay in child support for two children, if he didn't have a job or other resources?
 a. \$25 per month c. \$103 per month
 b. \$50 per month d. nothing until he gets a job
7. According to the sample child support schedule, what would a mother have to pay in child support for her 7-year-old child, if her monthly income was \$1,000?
 a. \$25 per month c. \$220 per month
 b. \$191 per month d. \$272 per month

Completion

Complete each sentence or statement.

Complete each of the following statements with the appropriate choice below. Some choices may not be used.

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| custody | marriage counselor |
| divorce | mediator |
| in loco parentis | separation agreement |
| kinship care | support |

8. _____ is the status of acting in the place of the parent.
9. A non-custodial parent has the obligation to _____ the child until the child becomes an adult or is emancipated, unless the parents agree to a longer period.
10. When adults who are related to a child but are not the parents take over raising the child, this is called _____.
11. A(n) _____ is a written document that sets out a couple’s agreed-upon terms for child custody and visitation, child and spousal support, division of property, and other issues.
12. A(n) _____ is more likely to be used to help married couples work out their differences and a(n) _____ is more likely to be used to help divorcing couples decide on child custody and property division.

Write **Divorce** in the blank if the statement applies to divorce, **Separation** if the statement applies to separation, or **Both** if the statement applies to both divorce and separation.

13. May live apart for a cooling off period _____
14. May live apart permanently _____
15. Are legally married _____
16. May legalize relationship at any time without remarriage _____
17. No valid marriage exists _____
18. Partners may legally remarry _____
19. Governed by state law _____
20. Available to couples who will not consider divorce _____
21. Involves provisions for child custody, visitation, support, division of property _____

Matching

Match each item with the correct statement below. Some items may not be used.

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| a. alimony | e. joint custody |
| b. best interests of the child | f. pro se |
| c. custody | g. separation |
| d. irreconcilable differences | h. tender years doctrine |

22. representing oneself without an attorney
23. the marriage has completely broken down and is beyond repair
24. care and keeping of a child
25. presumption that young children should go with the mother after divorce
26. legal standard for determining custody

