

Current Problems - Criminal Justice Administration Final Exam

You must answer, in-depth, three (3) of the listed questions. The responses may not exceed eight pages total for all questions. You must cite the readings, or other sources. To get a high number of points it is expected that the answers will be complete, well thought out and supported with cites and logic. The total for the exam is 15 points. Each question is worth five points and I will give one additional point if the exam, taken in totality is high quality work.

The final is due no later than the Friday of the last week of class.

Questions:

- 1) What two actions should be taken to improve the criminal justice system. Explain and justify your answer.
- 2) For the purposes of this question you are in the role as a police chief. The district attorney has decided that he will give the highest priority to the prosecution of cases involving violence and the sale of drugs. In your answer you need to:
 - Explain what the implications of this decision would be for the police department.
 - List the positives and negatives of this decision on the part of the district attorney.
 - Take a position of support or non support for this position by the district attorney and support your position in the answer.
- 3) Do you believe that minority over representation is an issue in the criminal justice system? You need to justify your position. If you believe that it is an issue describe what the causes are for minority over representation in the criminal justice system. What steps would you recommend that the justice system take to reduce the over representation?
- 4) Of the leaders involved with the criminal justice system (police chief, sheriff, district attorney, chief judge, chief probation officer, chief public defender, coroner, community corrections director, etc.) which position, or individual is in the best position to influence positive change in the criminal justice system? Why?
- 5) The community currently has a limited role in the criminal justice system, in your opinion what role should members of the community play in the criminal justice system?