

5.1 Complete the definitions. Look at A and B opposite to help you.

- 1 a – a court document authorising the police to detain someone
- 2 an – a written statement with details of the crimes someone is charged with
- 3 a – a formal order to attend court

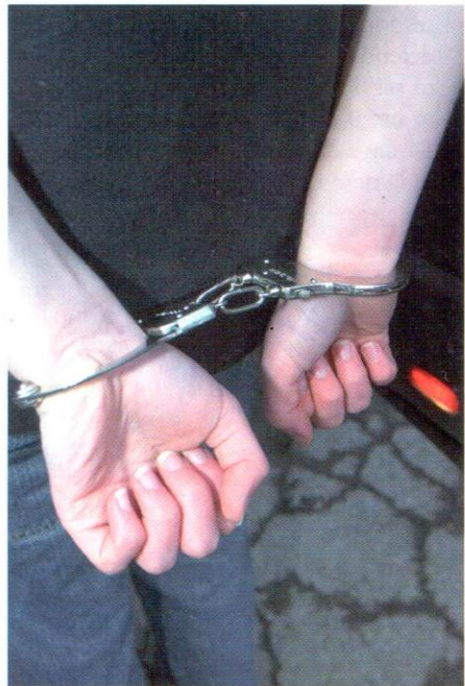
5.2 Make word combinations from A, B and C opposite using words from the box. Then use appropriate word combinations to complete the sentences below.

criminal	doubt	sentence	indictable	severe	plea	realistic	guilty
reasonable	defence	proceedings	costs	reduced	prospect	offences	penalties

- 1 The Crown Prosecutor considers whether there's sufficient evidence to provide a of conviction.
- 2 There should be no conviction without proof beyond
- 3 The Crown Court always hears such as manslaughter.
- 4 In sentencing serious crimes, courts can impose
- 5 At the end of a trial, a defendant may be ordered to pay a contribution towards

5.3 Replace the underlined words and phrases with alternative words and phrases from A, B and C opposite. Pay attention to the grammatical context. There is more than one possibility for one of the answers.

- a Bail may be refused and the defendant may be (1) held in police custody.
- b Alternatively, the defendant may be (2) found not guilty by the court and discharged.
- c Once proceedings have been initiated, the defendant (3) comes before the court.
- d The police formally (4) accuse the suspect in the police station.
- e If the offender pleads guilty in the Magistrates' Court, the court imposes a (5) punishment.
- f The police investigate a serious offence and (6) arrest a suspect.
- g The suspect may ask for (7) release from custody before the trial.



5.4 Put the sentences in 5.3 into the correct order chronologically. Look at A, B and C opposite to help you. The first stage is f.

Over to you



Describe the process of a criminal trial in your legal system as if to a client from a different system.

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