

# Legal Logic

## Test Your Aptitude for Law: Activities for Getting Started

### Puzzle 1

The Rule of Law is a legal principle whereby the laws of society apply equally to all and people are not governed by arbitrary power. Which of the following would be an abuse of the Rule of Law?

- a) A stockbroker is arrested for insider trading.
- b) An off-duty police officer is not charged by a fellow officer for speeding.
- c) The premier is charged for assault after pushing a protester out of the way.
- d) A local politician gets his or her grass cut by the parks and recreation department.
- e) Protesters are arrested after storming the provincial legislature.

**Answer: b) and d)**

### Puzzle 2

Primary sources of law are defined as the sources that give our laws their moral values or content. Which of the following would be considered a primary source of law?

- a) the Bible
- b) the *Criminal Code*
- c) customs
- d) philosophy
- e) court rulings

**Answer: a), c), and d)**

### Puzzle 3

Many of the ancient laws were based on an “eye for an eye” philosophy to ensure that justice was done and that no vengeance was exacted by the parties who had been wronged. Which of the following laws do *not* reflect this philosophy?

- a) If anyone delivers silver, gold, or anything else to another for safe keeping, before a witness, but he denies it, he shall be brought before a judge, and all that he has denied he shall pay in full.
- b) If a man knocks out the teeth of his equal, his teeth shall be knocked out.
- c) If a builder builds a house for someone, and does not construct it properly, and the house which he built falls and kills its owner, then that builder shall be put to death.
- d) If anyone hires oxen, and kills them by bad treatment or blows, he shall compensate the owner, oxen for oxen.
- e) If anyone is committing a robbery and is caught, then he shall be put to death.

**Answer: e). This approach seems to be based on deterrence rather than on “an eye for an eye.”**