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NC Court System - Web Quest

Directions: Use your own knowledge and the information found at http://www.nccourts.org to

complete the following questions.

1. What is the highest court in North Carolina? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many justices sit on a panel in this court? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. District Courts are also called what kind of courts in North Carolina? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What are the four categories that district courts are divided into? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. In which court would the following situation be heard: District, Superior, or Supreme?

a. Sarah, a 14-year-old, is accused of being delinquent.

b. Will has committed arson, which is a felony in North Carolina.

c. Harry is going to appeal his death penalty sentence.

d. Molly and Justin have been married for five years and want to get a divorce.

4. What two courts make up the Appellate division of the NC Court System?

What is the main purpose of the Appellate division? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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5. How many cases does the trial division of the NC Court System handle each year?

Which courts are a part of the trial division? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. You are angry because John Johnson has borrowed $3,400 from you and hasn’t paid you back.

a. Where should you file a law suit against him and who will hear the case?

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b. What if John Johnson owed you $8,000?

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7. You have just been found guilty of a crime but know you are innocent! What can you do about the

judge’s wrong decision?

8. What are three duties of a magistrate, who is a judicial officer of the District Court?

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9. What are the eligibility requirements to serve on a jury for jury duty in North Carolina?

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10. Who is the chief justice on the NC Supreme Court?

11. Your friend Tonya is schedule to be in criminal court next week, but she doesn’t want to go. What

could happen to her if she decides not to show up?

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