



How Long Is a Life Sentence? - Quiz

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Q1. What is a life sentence in theory?

- A. A sentence that lasts for the length of the natural life of a prisoner
- B. A sentence that lasts for 20 years
- C. A sentence that can be shortened by parole automatically
- D. A sentence that only applies to political crimes

Q2. Which of the following is NOT a way to shorten a life sentence?

- A. Automatic release after 10 years
- B. Parole
- C. Amnesty
- D. Commutation of a sentence

Q3. What is the main difference between determinate and indeterminate life sentences?

- A. Determinate sentences include the possibility of parole
- B. Indeterminate sentences do not include the possibility of parole
- C. Determinate sentences do not include the possibility of parole
- D. There is no difference between the two

Q4. What does parole mean?

- A. Complete freedom from all restrictions
- B. Early release with certain conditions
- C. A pardon for the crime committed
- D. A reduction in the original sentence length

Q5. Who grants amnesty?

- A. The judge who sentenced the prisoner
- B. The parole board
- C. A government official
- D. The prison warden

Q6. What is the effect of a commutation of a sentence?

- A. It pardons the prisoner completely
- B. It reduces the sentence but does not pardon the prisoner
- C. It restores all civil rights
- D. It automatically releases the prisoner

Q7. Why might someone receive multiple life sentences?

- A. Because they committed multiple crimes
- B. Because the judge wanted to ensure they never leave prison
- C. Because they are a repeat offender of minor crimes
- D. Because they refused to admit guilt

Q8. What is a requirement for receiving a pardon?

- A. Admitting guilt for the offense
- B. Serving at least half of the sentence
- C. Having a clean record before the crime
- D. Being a first-time offender

Q9. What is the role of a parole officer?

- A. To ensure the parolee adheres to the rules of parole
- B. To grant pardons to the parolee
- C. To reduce the sentence of the parolee
- D. To represent the parolee in court

Q10. What happens if a parolee fails to adhere to the rules of parole?

- A. They are given a warning
- B. They are returned to prison
- C. Their sentence is automatically commuted
- D. They lose the possibility of future parole

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: C
4. Q4: B
5. Q5: C
6. Q6: B
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: B