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Quiz: Are Mandatory Minimums Harmful?

Directions: Select the answer that best completes the sentence.

- 1) Mandatory minimum sentences _____.
 - A) take away the ability of judges to decide what punishment fits the crime
 - B) empower public defenders to take on more cases
 - C) limit prosecutors from enforcing harsh sentences
 - D) prevent people from falsely naming other law-breakers in exchange for a shorter sentence

- 2) When Lawrence Garrison says mandatory minimums encourage snitch culture, he means that the current laws _____.
 - A) cultivate the idea that people should tell the truth
 - B) make it easier for people to prove their innocence
 - C) incentivize other suspects to lie to curry favor with prosecutors and receive lower sentences
 - D) give the defense attorney input on the convict's sentences

- 3) Prosecutors often seek to avoid lengthy trials. Instead, they encourage defendants to take plea bargains by _____.
 - A) convincing defendants they are decongesting the criminal justice system
 - B) offering lighter sentences than the mandatory minimums judges would have to impose
 - C) emphasizing that they will be acquitted if they go to trial
 - D) reminding them they are evil people and harmful to society

- 4) According to Greg Newburn, prosecutors like mandatory minimums to _____.
 - A) get those with drug addictions help within the prison system
 - B) teach criminals a lesson
 - C) mitigate cases based on unique, individual circumstances
 - D) further their own political agendas by appearing tough on crime

- 5) Mandatory minimums are supposed to be beneficial to society by reducing crime rates. When Michigan repealed its mandatory minimum laws, _____.
 - A) crime rates increased and more people went in prison
 - B) the state spent more money on the prison system
 - C) crime rates dropped and the state saved money
 - D) violent crime increased but there were fewer crimes overall

Are Mandatory Minimums Harmful? Answer Key:

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. C