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Quiz: Mow Your Lawn or Lose Your House

Directions: Select the answer that best completes the sentence

- 1) The City of Dunedin, Florida, fined Jim Ficken \$500 a day _____.
 - A) for having a hole the size of a quarter in his home's stucco
 - B) when his mother passed away because he didn't keep her house and property maintained
 - C) for not cutting his grass
 - D) because his neighbor said he painted his house an "asinine" color

- 2) When fines against Jim Ficken reached \$30,000, the city said it would _____.
 - A) let him pay the bill from the city's public relations firm
 - B) force him to cut his grass in accordance with city regulations
 - C) hire a lawn service to mow his lawn and send him a bill for \$150
 - D) foreclose on his home

- 3) The Eighth Amendment protects citizens not only from cruel and unusual punishment but also from _____.
 - A) excessive fines
 - B) neighborhood eyesores such as tall grass
 - C) banks foreclosing on people's homes
 - D) government regulating their homes

- 4) The Institute for Justice _____.
 - A) is hired by public relations firms to represent cities when their image is tarnished
 - B) helps poor people who can't pay any legal bills they have
 - C) helps cities foreclose on houses legally
 - D) defends individuals against governments that violate their rights

- 5) The main point of this video is that citizens _____.
 - A) are required to keep their homes and yards looking neat
 - B) are paying for the costs of the public relations firm their city hired
 - C) are protected by the Constitution
 - D) should work together to keep their neighborhoods looking neat

Mow Your Lawn or Lose Your House – Answer Key:

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