



Quiz

Practical Issues in Criminal Trials

1. What issues tend to arise in trials of co-accused?
 - a. Interacting with counsel for the co-accused
 - b. Cut-throat defences
 - c. Difficult tactical decisions regarding making an accused available for cross-examination
 - d. All of the above
2. On what basis did Mr Thomas make an application that McFie was unfit to be tried?
 - a. She had a history of drug abuse
 - b. She collapsed during her cross-examination by counsel for Conway
 - c. She was a diagnosed schizophrenic
 - d. She was unable to provide him with instructions
3. What did the Crown assert the Heldon recordings made by McFie evidenced?
 - a. McFie's disreputable character
 - b. The deceased's poor qualities as a mother
 - c. That Conway was solely responsible for the murder
 - d. That McFie was unfit to be tried

4. What approach should counsel take when there are concerns of juror contamination?
 - a. Ensure that they have fully investigated the issue before bringing it to the attention of opposing counsel
 - b. Ensure that they have fully investigated the issue before bringing it to the attention of the judge
 - c. Keep the information as ammunition for an appeal
 - d. Ensure that they bring it to the attention of the court early on

5. In relation to which direction was the trial judge found to have erred in the High Court?
 - a. Direction on character evidence
 - b. Direction on corroboration evidence
 - c. Direction on evidence from co-accused
 - d. Directions on evidence of consciousness of guilty

Answers:

1. d 2. b 3. a 4. d 5. b