

Final Exam

1. The earliest land boundaries during the Neolithic period were primarily marked by:
 - a) Written contracts
 - b) Rivers and mountains
 - c) Government surveys
 - d) Stone monuments
2. In Mesopotamia, boundary stones used to record land ownership were called:
 - a) Kudurru
 - b) Cartouche
 - c) Obelisk
 - d) Glyph
3. Egyptian surveyors were referred to as:
 - a) Rope stretchers
 - b) Cartographers
 - c) Boundary keepers
 - d) Survey scribes
4. Aboriginal Australians use which method to describe and navigate their land boundaries?
 - a) Cadastral maps
 - b) Songlines
 - c) Stone monuments
 - d) Ritual dances
5. Roman law introduced principles like *dominium* and *possessio* to establish:
 - a) Tax systems
 - b) Land ownership and possession
 - c) Surveying methods
 - d) Military boundaries
6. What system did Napoleon Bonaparte introduce to modernize land administration?
 - a) Public Land Survey System
 - b) Napoleonic Cadastre
 - c) Metric Land System
 - d) National Land Registry
7. The Berlin Conference of 1884–1885 is notable for:
 - a) Introducing cadastral surveys in Europe
 - b) Dividing African territories among colonial powers
 - c) Establishing international boundary laws
 - d) Addressing Indigenous land rights
8. GPS and GIS technologies have revolutionized:
 - a) Understanding cultural boundaries
 - b) Physical mapping of celestial objects
 - c) Precision in boundary surveying
 - d) Navigation of international waters

9. The highest priority in the hierarchy of boundary evidence is:

- a) Artificial monuments
- b) Natural monuments
- c) Distance measurements
- d) Area descriptions

10. A boundary described as "to the oak tree" emphasizes the importance of:

- a) Courses
- b) Distances
- c) Natural monuments
- d) Area calculations

11. When resolving deed ambiguities, courts often apply which principle?

- a) Ambiguities favor the grantor
- b) Ambiguities favor the grantee
- c) Ambiguities are resolved by distance
- d) Ambiguities are ignored

12. Which survey system in the U.S. used a standardized grid for land division?

- a) Public Land Survey System (PLSS)
- b) Metric Grid Division
- c) Cadastral Block System
- d) Grid Line Property System

13. What is the "thread of the stream"?

- a) The highest waterline of a river
- b) The midpoint of the deepest channel
- c) The origin point of the river flow
- d) A line along riverine vegetation

14. Riparian boundaries adjust with:

- a) Sudden changes in land use
- b) Accretion and erosion
- c) Artificial construction
- d) Legal claims

15. Which case ruled that accretion alters riparian boundaries?

- a) Brown v. Huger
- b) Nebraska v. Iowa
- c) Sears v. Ackerman
- d) Rogers v. Taylor

16. Sudden and noticeable changes in watercourses are defined as:

- a) Erosion
- b) Accretion
- c) Avulsion
- d) Reliction

17. Littoral boundaries are commonly associated with:

- a) Riverbanks
- b) Tidal waters
- c) Forest clearings
- d) Man-made reservoirs

18. The "Mean High-Water Mark" (MHW) is used to determine boundaries along:

- a) Non-navigable rivers
- b) Coastal tidal areas
- c) Urban plots
- d) Feudal estates

19. Adverse possession requires possession to be:

- a) Discreet and occasional
- b) Hostile and continuous
- c) Public and temporary
- d) Mutual and documented

20. Songlines in Australian Aboriginal culture serve to:

- a) Record legal property ownership
- b) Document tribal laws
- c) Integrate geography with cultural narratives
- d) Mark feudal estates

21. Monuments that surveyors place during initial surveys are considered:

- a) Decorative markers
- b) Controlling evidence
- c) Temporary indicators
- d) Secondary evidence

22. What is the focus of cadastral systems in civil law traditions?

- a) Public access rights
- b) Detailed recording of property boundaries
- c) Riverine boundary shifts
- d) Conflict resolution practices

23. What role do drones play in modern surveying?

- a) Automating legal document verification
- b) Capturing high-resolution imagery of boundaries
- c) Setting boundary markers
- d) Negotiating land disputes

24. The primary legal document controlling lot boundaries in subdivisions is the:

- a) Cadastral record
- b) Subdivision plat
- c) Grantor's deed
- d) National land registry

25. Ethical surveying practices prioritize:

- a) Client preferences over public needs
- b) Public trust, accuracy, and impartiality
- c) Reducing surveying costs
- d) Legal compliance without technical verification