Test Answers -- Padova, February 8, 2024

Law & Data

Here are the correct answers for the multiple-choice questions. We provide a skeleton of the right answers for the open questions.

- 1. Please explain the so-called "Barbra Streisand Effect" in no more than 100 words. (up to 6 pts) a. A brief summary of the facts of the case
- b. Description of the Effect: The protection of privacy through legal means can backfire and worsen the situation of the individual.
- c. Takeaways: I. the Legal protection of privacy can consist in avoiding seeking legal protection; II. The legal vindication of privacy is different—and sometimes opposite—from the social enjoyment of privacy.
- 3. Which of the following statements is correct? (2 pts)
- a. Freedom of thought is not considered as a human right in most jurisdictions.
- b. Freedom of thought is considered as a human right in most jurisdictions but hardly protected in itself.
- c. Freedom of thought deserves protection only once the individual shares his thoughts with others.
- d. Freedom of thought cannot be affected by AI technologies.
- 4. Please describe any legal provision included in EU primary law sources setting out the right to personal data protection in max 250 words. (up to 8 pts)
- 1. Personal data protection in the TEU, starting from the values of the EU as protected by article 2 TEU and the protection thereof set out in article 3 TEU.
- 2. Personal data protection as set forth by article 16 TFEU.
- 3. The fundamental right to data protection in the Charter of Fundamental Rights (article 8 CFR) and possible reference to article 7 CFR on the right to privacy (and their differences).
- 4. Possible limitations of fundamental rights and, specifically, of the right to data protection in light of the safeguard clause (article 52 CFR) the balancing of conflicting rights.
- 5. Please describe in no more than 250 words the 2020 European Data Strategy conceived by the European Union. (up to 8 pts)
- 1. The GDPR that paved the way to the 2020 European Data Strategy
- 2. Aims of the EU Data Strategy: free flow of personal data, free flow of non-personal data, single market for data
- 3. EU Data Strategy Package: Data Governance Act, Digital Services Act, Digital Markets Act, Artificial Intelligence Act, Data Act (a summarized description of their contents).
- 6. Which of the following statements is correct? (2 pts)
- a. Directives are directly applicable in all Member States as such, whereas regulations need to be implemented by every Member State
- b. EU regulations and directives must be directly applied in any of their provisions in all Member States
- c. Regulations are directly applicable in all member states as such, whereas directives need to be implemented by every member state
- 7. The European Data Protection Board is (2 pt):
- 1. An institution provided for by the Treaty on the European Union

- 2. An agency of the European Commission with the aim of protecting the fundamental right to data protection
- 3. An independent body gathering the national supervisory authorities of each EU member State
- 8. The Charter of fundamental rights recognizes the right to privacy and the right to data protection to (1 pt):
- a. Only individuals with EU citizenship
- b. All individuals provided that they are in the EU
- c. Only EU companies
- 9. Which of the following are legislative instruments belonging to EU primary law? (1 pt)
- a. Treaty of the European Union, Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, Case-law of the European Court of Justice
- b. Treaty of the European Union, Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union
- c. Charter of fundamental rights of the European Union, Regulations, Case-law of the European Court of Justice