**CIVIL LAW**

**Directions**: Read the Civil Law READING PDF, and then answer the questions below. The first four questions ask you comprehension questions from the reading, while the last several questions ask you to apply what you have read to those scenarios. Make sure to explain your answers.

1) What areas does civil law cover?

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2) How does civil law differ from criminal law? Describe at least two major differences.

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3) Why do you think it might be important for people to be able to sue for damages due to injuries that they have received from someone else?

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4) Equitable claim cases almost never ask for money in damages, but rather ask a judge to order a stop to some kind of action. Why might this type of case be important, especially if no money changes hands?

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5) Over a thousand people throughout Florida have been harmed by the latest Samsung phone that has a battery that can overheat and burn anyone who touches it. If you were a lawyer representing these clients, what kind of lawsuit would you file, and why?

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6) Leslie and Ben were married but are going through a contentious divorce. They have had many disagreements about custody of their children, who would get to stay in their shared house, who would receive the rights to their shared business, and so on. They could not reach an agreement themselves, so they have gone to civil courts to help them resolve this situation. What two types of civil law might apply in this situation, and why?

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7) Best Buy and Costco are located next to each other, but they disagree over who owns the shared area between their properties. Best Buy wants to turn the area into overflow parking for its customers, while Costco wants to rent out the space to build a new Dunkin Donuts restaurant. Neither side have been able to reach an agreement on how to share the space, and Costco has decided to go ahead anyway and start construction on the Dunkin Donuts. In response, Best Buy has launched an advertising campaign that smears Costco with all sorts of untruthful statements, including accusing Costco of secretly poisoning its customers. Both sides have filed lawsuits against each other. What areas of civil law might apply in this situation, and why? (See if you can find three.)

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