

You Be the Judge

Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: The following situations all involve some form of discrimination. Decide whether the discrimination is reasonable and should be permitted or is unreasonable and should be prohibited. Explain your reasons.

1. An airline requires pilots to retire at age 60.
2. A business refuses to hire a man with good typing skills for a secretarial position.
3. People who have AIDS cannot be hired as phone operators.
4. People under age 18 are not allowed into theaters showing X-rated movies.
5. A child with a disability is not permitted to play at a public playground.
6. In electing applicants for government jobs, preference is given to veterans.
7. Girls are not allowed to try out for positions on an all-boy baseball team at a public high school.
8. Auto insurance rates are higher for young, unmarried drivers.
9. In order to protect a classy image, an expensive seafood restaurant requires that its servers wear tuxedos. The restaurant only hires male waiters.

What are three tests judges use to determine whether conduct meets the equal protection standard? (Identified in class discussion.)

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- 2.
- 3.