

Freedom of Information Quiz

- (1) What is the fee that must accompany a freedom of information request?
 - (a) \$5;
 - (b) \$25
 - (c) \$50;
 - (d) \$100.

- (2) Which of the following **local government** organizations does Ontario's *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* apply to?
 - (a) Municipalities;
 - (b) Police services;
 - (c) School boards;
 - (d) All of the above.

- (3) In practical terms, that *Act* provides Ontarians with the right to access:
 - (a) Most of the information held by local government organizations, with specific and limited exemptions;
 - (b) About 50 per cent of the information held by local government organizations;
 - (c) About 25 per cent of such information;
 - (d) About 25 per cent of paper records held by local government;

- (4) Among the mandatory or discretionary **exemptions** to access are:
 - (a) Personal information about individuals other than the requester;
 - (b) Third party information if supplied in confidence and where disclosure could prejudice the interests of a third party;
 - (c) Information about inter-government relations, if the information was received in confidence;
 - (d) All of the above.

- (5) A freedom of information request sent to a municipality should be addressed to:
 - (a) The mayor;
 - (b) The treasurer;
 - (c) The freedom of information co-ordinator;
 - (d) None of the above.

- (6) Which of the following **provincial** organizations does Ontario's other public sector access and privacy *Act* – the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* – apply to?
 - (a) Ministries;
 - (b) Most provincial agencies;
 - (c) Hospitals
 - (d) Both (a) and (b).

- (7) Can either *Act* be used to request information held by private sector organizations?
- (a) Yes;
 - (b) No;
 - (c) Only in very specific cases.
 - (d) None of the above.
- (8) Under both *Acts*, a government organization is required (with limited exceptions) to respond to an FOI request within how many days after receiving the request and the fee?
- (a) 15 days;
 - (b) 30 days;
 - (c) 60 days;
 - (d) 100 days.
- (9) If a provincial or local government organization denies a requester access to the information he or she is seeking, who can the requester file an appeal to:
- (a) The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - (b) The Ombudsman;
 - (c) The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario;
 - (d) The Premier.
- (10) Does the organization that a requester can appeal a government office's access decision to have the authority to order the government organization to release the records sought by the requester?
- (a) Yes.
 - (b) No.
 - (c) In certain circumstances.
 - (d) None of the above.