

## **Pre-Test on Divorce/Custody \***

**Please answer the following questions either true or false:**

1. Media attention given to parents battling one another and the courts over accusations and denials of child sexual abuse have dramatized the seriousness of allegations of child sexual abuse made in the context of divorce/custody disputes.  
True      False
2. Allegations of sexual abuse in child-custody disputes are common.  
True      False
3. Parents, especially mothers, often fabricate sexual abuse allegations in child-custody disputes.  
True      False
4. The “backfire” scenario is when courts award custody to the parent accused of sexual abuse due to the other parent's refusal to allow unsupervised access to the child.  
True      False
5. A parent accused of child sexual abuse is more likely to confess if his/her family is intact rather than if the family is separated.  
True      False
6. If a case of reported child sexual abuse is categorized as either unsubstantiated or unfounded, it always means that the act did not happen.  
True      False
7. It's possible that cases that are substantiated or founded may in fact not be true abuse cases.  
True      False

8. The proper approach for an assessment worker and/or an investigator is to regard the child sexual abuse allegation made in the context of a custody dispute the same as if it were made against a person outside the family or a person inside an intact family.  
True      False
9. There are systemic problems in the court system which may lend to the myth that the parent fabricated the allegation.  
True      False
10. (A) False allegations of sexual abuse in the context of child-custody disputes do occur.  
True      False
- (B) False allegations of sexual abuse in the context of child-custody disputes represent only a minority of cases.  
True      False
- (C) Deliberate fabrication of sexual abuse allegations occur in only a small percentage of cases arising in the context of child-custody disputes.  
True      False

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\*Adapted from:

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