



# MAKE YOUR CASE ANSWER KEY

## Opening Statements:

The correct selections are 2, 3, 5 and B, D, F.

## Trial:

Correct answers are underlined.

### BICYCLIST QUESTIONED BY PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY

**A) Was your neighbor looking at you when you waved to her?**

"If you hadn't waved at her, do you think she would have waved to you?"

Objection—relevance/speculation (witness can't know what would have happened)

**B) Was Mr. Ramirez looking at the road?**

"When you first saw Mr. Ramirez, was he concentrating on his driving?"

Objection—speculation (witness can't know what was going on inside driver's head)

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**A) Have you ever been injured in a bike accident before?**

"Ms. Winters, have you ever been injured in a bike accident before?"

Objection—relevance

**B) What injuries did you suffer in this accident?**

"Did your boyfriend seem upset about what happened?"

Objection—relevance

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**A) What was the damage to your bike?**

"Why did you buy a touring bike instead of a mountain bike?"

Objection—relevance

**B) How did you get your bike home after the accident?**

"After the accident, how did you get your bike home?"

Objection—relevance

### BICYCLIST QUESTIONED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY

**A) Do you need to wear glasses?**

No objections

**B) Did you have a light, reflectors, or reflective clothing?**

"Ms. Winters, isn't it true that this whole accident could have been avoided if you had taken some basic safety precautions?"

Objection—speculation (witness can't guess what might have happened)

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**A) Were you in a hurry to get home?**

No objections

**B) Have you taken other routes from work to home?**

"Do you think you would have gotten into an accident if you had taken one of these other routes on March 3?"

Objection—speculation/relevance



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**A) Was your bike really worth \$650?**

"Why did you buy such an expensive bike?"

*Objection—relevance*

**B) Do you own any other bikes?**

"Ms. Winters, do you own any other bikes?"

*Objection—relevance*

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**A) What did you say when you were accused of not following the rules of the road?**

"So then, he was concerned that you might be hurt?"

*Objection—speculation/relevance*

**B) Did you tell the defendant that you were okay?**

"So then, he was concerned that you might be hurt?"

*Objection—speculation/relevance*

### **POLICE OFFICER QUESTIONED BY PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY**

**A) Did you measure the skid marks at the intersection?**

"Do you think that the defendant was driving faster than the speed limit?"

*Objection—speculation*

**B) Did you measure the length of the scratch on the defendant's vehicle?**

"Have you ever seen a scratch this long in any other accident you've investigated?"

*Objection—relevance*

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**A) Did you give the driver a ticket?**

*No objection*

**B) Did you give the bicyclist a ticket?**

*No objection*

### **POLICE OFFICER QUESTIONED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY**

**A) How do you know that the skid marks were made by the defendant's car?**

*No objection*

**B) How do you know that the scratch on the car was caused by this accident?**

"Do you own a car?"

"What kind of car do you own?"

*Objection—relevance*

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**A) Was it dark at the time of the accident?**

"Officer Harrison, given that it was dusk, do you think this accident could have been avoided if the plaintiff had used a light and reflectors?"

*Objection—speculation*

**B) Was it dark when you arrived at the scene?**

*No objection*



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### DRIVER QUESTIONED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY

**A) How did the plaintiff respond when you asked if she was okay?**

*No objection*

**B) How did the plaintiff respond when you accused her of running the stop sign?**

*"Was she angry at you?"*

*Objection—speculation (witness can't know what the bicyclist was feeling)*

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**A) Had you driven through this intersection before?**

*No objection*

**B) Did you talk with anyone who witnessed the accident?**

*"What did she say?"*

*Objection—hearsay*

### DRIVER QUESTIONED BY PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY

**A) Were you in a hurry?**

*"What movie were you going to see?"*

*Objection—relevance*

**B) Were you hungry?**

*"Prior to the accident, when did you last eat?"*

*Objection—relevance*

*"What did you have for lunch?"*

*Objection—relevance*

*"At the time of the accident, were you hungry?"*

*Objection—relevance*

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**A) Were you talking on a car phone at the time of the accident?**

*"Are you usually late for your dates with her?"*

*Objection—relevance*

*"So are you late for things in general or just for dates with your girlfriend?"*

*Objection—relevance*

**B) Do you usually talk on the phone when you drive?**

*"Don't you think it would be safer if you didn't talk on the phone while you drive?"*

*Objection—speculation/relevance*

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**A) Was the construction project a distraction?**

*"In fact, sir, if you hadn't looked at your building, you would have seen Ms. Winters sooner and avoided the accident, isn't that true?"*

*Objection—speculation*

**B) Was the construction project running on schedule?**

*"Do your projects usually run on schedule?"*

*Objection—relevance*



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**A) Had you checked your speedometer?**

*No objection*

**B) Had you had your vision checked recently?**

*"Were you wearing sunglasses at the time of the accident?"*

*Objection—relevance*

*"Do you ever wear sunglasses?"*

*Objection—relevance*

### EYEWITNESS QUESTIONED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY

**A) Did the plaintiff come to a complete stop at the stop sign?**

*No objection*

**B) Did you also have a stop sign for the direction you were coming from?**

*"Ms. Oshima, did you also have a stop sign for the traffic in your direction?"*

*Objection—relevance*

**A) Did the other woman say why she couldn't wait for the police to come?**

*"What, if anything, did the woman say about why she couldn't wait for the police?"*

*Objection—hearsay*

**B) Did the other woman say that the defendant ran the stop sign?**

*"What, if anything, did the woman say about who might have caused the accident?"*

*Objection—hearsay*

### EYEWITNESS QUESTIONED BY PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY

**A) What did you hear as the defendant's car approached the intersection?**

*No objection*

**B) Do you ever ride your bike on Homer crossing Main?**

*"Do you ride a bicycle, Ms. Chen?"*

*Objection—relevance*

*"Have you ever ridden your bicycle across the intersection of Main and Homer?"*

*Objection—relevance*

**A) Did you talk to the police officer?**

*No objection*

**B) Did the other witness say the car was speeding?**

*"What, if anything, did she say about the speed of the defendant's car?"*

*Objection—hearsay*

## Closing Arguments

Both selections for each player are valid. The option that yields the most points is the one that is best supported by the evidence introduced during the trial.