

FREE CLE CHEAT SHEET

Penalties & Numbers One-Page Cheat Sheet

Every penalty duration, prescription period and must-know number the CLE keeps asking — on one printable sheet.

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These are the cheapest points on the exam.

Examiners ask the same durations and thresholds every cycle. They need repetition, not understanding — so memorise the tables cold and never lose a mark you could have kept. Print this, glance at it daily, and turn “I think it's...” into “I know it's...”

1 Penalties & their duration (Art. 25 & 27)

Class	Penalty	Duration
Afflictive	Reclusion perpetua	20 yrs & 1 day to 40 yrs
	Reclusion temporal	12 yrs & 1 day to 20 yrs
	Prision mayor	6 yrs & 1 day to 12 yrs
Correctional	Prision correccional	6 mos & 1 day to 6 yrs
	Arresto mayor	1 mo & 1 day to 6 mos
	Destierro	6 mos & 1 day to 6 yrs
Light	Arresto menor	1 day to 30 days

The death penalty, though listed in Art. 25, may **not** be imposed (RA 9346, 2006). Fines: a fine over P1.2M is afflictive, P40,000–1.2M correctional, below P40,000 light (Art. 26, as adjusted by RA 10951 — verify current figures).

2 Prescription of crimes (Art. 90)

Penalty attached to the crime	Prescribes in
Death, reclusion perpetua, reclusion temporal	20 years
Other afflictive penalties	15 years
Correctional penalties	10 years (arresto mayor: 5 years)
Libel and similar offenses (special)	1 year
Oral defamation & slander by deed	6 months
Light offenses	2 months

This is prescription of the crime (Art. 90) — how long the State has to prosecute. Prescription of the penalty (Art. 92, after conviction) uses different periods.

3 Must-know numbers

Item	Number / rule
Minimum age of criminal responsibility	15 years old (RA 9344, am. RA 10630)
Above 15 but below 18	Liable only if acted with discernment
Infanticide — age of victim	Less than 3 days (72 hours) old
BuCor jurisdiction (under DOJ)	Sentences over 3 years
BJMP jurisdiction (under DILG)	Sentences 3 years and below + detainees
Probation (PD 968)	Sentence not over 6 years ; court-granted, first-time
Drug chain of custody (RA 9165 §21, am. RA 10640)	2 witnesses : elected official and a DOJ/NPS rep or media
The 3 I's of investigation	Information · Interrogation · Instrumentation
Stages of a felony (Art. 6)	Attempted · Frustrated · Consummated
Self-defense — elements (Art. 11)	Unlawful aggression* · reasonable necessity · lack of sufficient provocation (*indispensable)
CLE passing mark	75% weighted average, no subject below 60%

✓ **Drill order:** the duration table first (free points), then prescription, then the thresholds. Five minutes a day until they're reflex.

Monetary thresholds and a few rules shift with new laws (e.g., RA 10951). Where a figure can change, confirm the current law before exam day.

Keep the points that are just memory.

Durations and thresholds are the **cheapest marks** on the exam — they only need repetition. Print this sheet, glance at it daily, and stop guessing on questions you can simply **know**. Numbers change with new laws — always confirm the current figure.

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