Review Questions

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- 1. Which of the following maxims fall within the Whole Act canons?
 - a. In pari materia.
 - b. The title of a statute alone does not control its interpretation.
 - c. While a proviso customarily applies to the clause immediately preceding it, courts can apply it more broadly.
 - d. B and C.
 - e. All of the above.
- 2. Which of the following rules are specific iterations of the general maxim *expressio unis est exclusio alterius*?
 - a. When Congress specifies a mode of preemption for a statute, the courts will not imply additional areas of preemption based on the substantive provisions of the statute.
 - b. If Congress expressly requires proof of knowing conduct for one portion of a criminal offense, the court will not extend that requirement to other portions of the criminal offense absent express Congressional direction.
 - c. When Congress specifies the particular method of compliance with a statutory command, it excludes other possible ways to comply.
 - d. A and C.
 - e. All of the above.
- 3. True or False: while a court will generally give identical words and phrases in a statute the same meaning, it can ignore this fundamental canon and define the same word in the same statute differently if it has reason to believe that Congress used that term in two different senses.