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| Bank Item Number | G.C.3.11.L1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.3.11 |
| Cognitive Complexity  | L |
| Item | The trial process is listed below.Which option completes the trial process?  |
| A |  | cross examination  |
| B |  | jury instructions |
| C |  | investigation |
| D | \* | verdict |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.3.11.M1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.3.11 |
| Cognitive Complexity | M |
| Item | What power is held by the Florida Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court?  |
| A | \* | Both courts may issue *writs of habeas corpus*. |
| B |  | Both courts may issue *writs of mandamus*. |
| C |  | Neither court hears equal protection cases.  |
| D |  | Neither court hears death penalty cases.  |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.3.11.M2 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.3.11 |
| Cognitive Complexity | M |
| Item | The passage below describes a dispute between two neighbors.---------------------------Liz’s 16 year old daughter backed into Doug’s car while it was parked in front of his house. Doug sued Liz for $1500 to cover the cost of repairing the car. ---------------------------Which court heard the case? |
| A |  | Circuit Court of Appeals |
| B |  | Florida Supreme Court |
| C |  | appellate court |
| D | \* | county court |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.3.11.M3 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.3.11 |
| Cognitive Complexity | M |
| Item | The passage below describes a U.S. Supreme Court decision. In 1940, the Texas Democratic Party refused to give an African-American man a ballot to select candidates to run for Congress and governor. In finding this action unconstitutional “…this Court is not constrained to follow a previous decision which…, involves the application of a constitutional principle, rather than an interpretation of the Constitution to evolve the principle itself.”Source: *Smith* v. *Allwright* (1944)What does this court decision illustrate?  |
| A |  | The court has the power to accept appeals cases. |
| B | \* | The court has the power of judicial review. |
| C |  | The court is a district court.  |
| D |  | The court is a trial court.  |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.3.11.H1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.3.11 |
| Cognitive Complexity | H |
| Item | The graph below describes appeals filed by type of appeal in the U.S. Courts of Appeals, 1990-2010.

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| **Year** | **Civil** | **Criminal** |
| 1990 | 27116 | 9493 |
| 1995 | 34203 | 10162 |
| 2000 | 35780 | 10707 |
| 2005 | 32818 | 16060 |
| 2010 | 55992 | 12797 |

Source: United States CourtsBased on the graph, what conclusion can be drawn about court cases in the U.S.?  |
| A | \* | More civil cases are being filed without legal representation. |
| B |  | More criminal cases are being filed without legal representation. |
| C |  | More criminal actions are being dropped before trial. |
| D |  | More civil actions are being dropped before trial. |