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**Forensic Science Chapter 2 Testimonial Notes**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Is a statement made under oath

* Also called *“prima facie”* evidence
* Ex: Witness points to someone in courtroom and says: “That’s the guy I saw robbing the grocery store.”

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* Also Called *“real”* evidence

**Testimonial Evidence**

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* Read the bulleted paragraphs on page 34-35
* For each number situation in the table below circle which scenario will most likely provide more accurate testimony

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|  | **Scenario A** | **OR** | **Scenario B** |
| 1 | Regarding gender and hair color |  | Regarding age, height and race |
| 2 | If the suspect is similar to the witness |  | If the suspect is different from the witness |
| 3 | If the crime is of a less serious nature |  | If the crime is of a more serious nature |
| 4 | If the witness is a child |  | If the witness is an adult |
| 5 | If the witness is an adult |  | If the witness is a senior citizen |
| 6 | If the question is open-ended(“What was the offender wearing?”) |  | If the questions is more targeted and focused(“Was the offender in a red shirt?”) |
| 7 | If the witness indicates that s/he is “absolutely certain” |  | If the witness does not indicate certainty |

**Weighing the validity of an eyewitness account**

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* **Read** the four bulleted paragraphs on page 36.
* Below are four factors one should consider when weighing the validity of an eyewitness account
* Rank them in the order that YOU think most affects the validity of the eyewitness account

1 = most likely to affect 4 = least likely to affect

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| **Rank** | **Scenario** |
|  | The victim knows the suspect and has some type of relationship with the suspect |
|  | Time has elapsed between he offense and the witness’s identification of the suspect |
|  | There have been prior attempts by the witness to identify the suspect |
|  | The witness previously identified someone else |

**Reflection**

1. In the space below, explain why you chose your number one from above. You must write at least 4 lines.