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**1. What does separation mean?**

**2. (a) Do both partners have to agree to the separation? Explain.**

 **(b) How do you get a “legal separation”? Explain.**

**3. In the matter of custody and access, what always comes first in the eyes of the law?**

**4. Which parent is responsible for financially supporting the children? Explain.**

**5. Generally, how is child support calculated?**

**6. When does child support end? Explain.**

**7. When can child support be continued beyond this time? Explain.**

**8. What is spousal support?**

**9. List the factors considered for spousal support.**

**10. Are these factors the same for common-law relationships? Explain.**