

Handout 3
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Handout 3: Answer Key
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1) Who is the plaintiff? *Captain Rajesh Singh, U.S. Army*

Who is the defendant? *Secretary of Defense Alexander E. Booth*

2) What is the plaintiff's claim?

Captain Singh alleges that he has been discriminated against based on his religious practice for being subject to military testing on whether his articles of faith posed a safety risk, that other soldiers, including Sikh soldiers, were not subject to.

3) What relief does the plaintiff seek (what does the plaintiff ask the court to do)?

The plaintiff is seeking a permanent injunction from the court to stop the discriminatory testing.

4) How does the defendant respond?

The Army responds first that the court lacks jurisdiction to hear the case, because it is a purely military matter. Even if the court were to review the Army's decision, the Army has a "valid military purpose" to check whether Captain Singh's religious articles pose a health and safety risk.

5) What restrictions did the Army place on the plaintiff regarding his beard and Turban?

- *The Army wants Captain Singh to undergo testing to determine whether his helmet and safety mask could be safely worn with his beard and turban.*