Activity 4: Hammurabi’s Code: How does it reflect Babylonian society?

Student Name ___________________________________________________ Date ________________

Group 2 The Criminal Justice System in Babylonia

Babylonia had a well-organized justice system. Though the king may have adjudicated capital cases and others, it appears the Babylonian courts were extensive and independent. After reading precepts 3-5 and 9 of Hammurabi’s Code at the Edsitement-reviewed Avalon Project, answer the following questions:

1. What do these precepts indicate about the legal system?
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2. Who served as judges?
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3. Were judges held to a high standard? Explain your answer.
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4. Were witnesses called?
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5. What kinds of punishments were used?
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