

Directions: Answer the following question(s).

- 1 What question would a political scientist ask?
- A. How is the land used in Canada compared to the U.S?
 - B. What natural resources are used most often in the United States?
 - C. What is the relationship like between the leaders of the United States and China?
 - D. How does scarcity affect the price of goods in the United States?
- 2 Which of the following is the **main** purpose of government?
- A. making and enforcing rules and providing security to citizens
 - B. making the right decisions and supporting the people
 - C. building relationships with other countries and growing the economy
 - D. providing a free public education to citizens and creating jobs
- 3 Which document contains the basic rules used to run the United States government?
- A. Declaration of Independence
 - B. Magna Carta
 - C. Mayflower Compact
 - D. Constitution
- 4 Why did the writers of the Constitution form the legislative, executive, and judicial branches?
- A. to separate powers
 - B. to balance power
 - C. to keep increase power
 - D. to decrease power
- 5 Which of the following documents includes a list of rights of the people protected by the United States government?
- A. the Constitution
 - B. the National Anthem
 - C. the Gettysburg Address
 - D. the Pledge of Allegiance

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- 6 Which level of government makes decisions for the United States of America?
- A. Federal
 - B. State
 - C. County
 - D. City
- 7 What are the two parts of the United States congress?
- A. President and Vice President
 - B. Supreme Court and Appellate Court
 - C. House of Representatives and Senate
 - D. Senate and Vice President
- 8 Which of the following is an example of **checks and balances**?
- A. congress presents a bill
 - B. congress enforces a law
 - C. president vetoes a bill
 - D. president interprets a law
- 9 How are the President and members of Congress placed in their positions?
- A. by appointment
 - B. by election
 - C. by experience
 - D. by referral
- 10 In which branch of government does the vice president also serve as the president of the senate?
- A. Judicial
 - B. Executive
 - C. Legislative

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- 11 Which part of the government of the United States is responsible for passing laws?
- A. The President
 - B. The Supreme Court
 - C. The Congress
 - D. The State Department
- 12 Which document provides the structure and limits the power of the United States government?
- A. Declaration of Independence
 - B. Constitution
 - C. Gettysburg Address
 - D. Articles of Confederation
- 13 Which of the following is the best example of how the Constitution limits the power of the federal government?
- A. giving citizens the right to remove Supreme Court judges
 - B. giving citizens the right to vote for their Representatives
 - C. allowing the President to control the country
 - D. allowing citizens to make all the decisions.
- 14 Congress makes a law to require all citizens to wear red on Mondays. What check on power would prevent this from happening?
- A. The Congress has the power to veto the bill.
 - B. The citizens have the power to veto the bill.
 - C. The President has the power to veto the bill.
 - D. The Senate has the power to veto the bill.
- 15 A republic is based on the core democratic value of popular sovereignty. Where does the power of a republican government come from?
- A. Power and authority comes from the people
 - B. The government holds all the power.
 - C. Representatives holds the power of government.
 - D. The President holds all of the power.

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- 16 What is the best reason for the Constitution creating a separation of powers?
- A. to prevent any one branch from becoming too powerful
 - B. to make each branch work independently
 - C. to make sure that making the laws was not a part of enforcing the laws
 - D. to allow Congress to pass any law
- 17 Which branch of government can declare a law unconstitutional?
- A. Judicial
 - B. Executive
 - C. Legislative
- 18 Which of the following is the main responsibility of the legislative branch of government?
- A. interpreting the constitution
 - B. punishing criminals
 - C. enforcing laws
 - D. creating laws

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- 19 Identify the 3 branches of government and the key leader of each branch. Then, describe the main responsibility of each branch of the government.

Branch of Government	Key Leader	Main Responsibility

Write your answer in the space below.

- 20 What is one positive result of having rules at school? What might be one negative result of having **no rules at school**?

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