DELAWARE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT · UNIT 1

Foundations and the Constitution — Practice Test

Delaware United States Government • 10 questions

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1 **Which term is defined as follows: the method for changing the Constitution?**

A popular sovereignty

B limited government

C the amendment process

D separation of powers

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2 **Which of the following is an example of the amendment process?**

- A citizens voting in an election
- B a constitution that bars unreasonable searches
- C Congress making laws while courts interpret them
- D an amendment proposed by Congress and ratified by states

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3 **Which statement best describes the amendment process?**

- A the amendment process is deliberately difficult
- B popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy
- C limited government prevents arbitrary rule
- D separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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4 **Which term is defined as follows: the idea that people accept government in return for protection?**

A popular sovereignty

B limited government

C separation of powers

D the social contract

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5 **Which of the following is an example of the social contract?**

A citizens obeying laws in return for order

B citizens voting in an election

C a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

D Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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6 **Which statement best describes the social contract?**

- A popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy
- B the social contract theory influenced the founders
- C limited government prevents arbitrary rule
- D separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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7 **Which term is defined as follows: a system where citizens elect representatives to govern?**

- A republic
- B popular sovereignty
- C limited government
- D separation of powers

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8 **Which of the following is an example of republic?**

- A citizens voting in an election
- B voters electing members of Congress
- C a constitution that bars unreasonable searches
- D Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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9 **Which statement best describes republic?**

- A popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy
- B limited government prevents arbitrary rule
- C a republic combines representation with the rule of law
- D separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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10 **Which term is defined as follows: rule by the people, directly or through representatives?**

A popular sovereignty

B democracy

C limited government

D separation of powers

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. B

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