UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT · DELAWARE

United States Government
Practice Test

Unit 1: Foundations and the Constitution

25 Questions

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Question 1

Which term is defined as follows: the idea that government power comes from the people?

A) popular sovereignty

B) limited government

C) separation of powers

D) checks and balances

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Question 2

Which of the following is an example of popular sovereignty?

A) a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

B) citizens voting in an election

C) Congress making laws while courts interpret them

D) a presidential veto of a bill

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Question 3

Which statement best describes popular sovereignty?

A) limited government prevents arbitrary rule

B) separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

C) popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

D) checks and balances keep branches accountable

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Question 4

Which term is defined as follows: government restricted by law and rights?

A) popular sovereignty

B) limited government

C) separation of powers

D) checks and balances

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Question 5

Which of the following is an example of limited government?

A) citizens voting in an election

B) Congress making laws while courts interpret them

C) a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

D) a presidential veto of a bill

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Question 6

Which statement best describes limited government?

A) popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

B) separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

C) checks and balances keep branches accountable

D) limited government prevents arbitrary rule

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Question 7

Which term is defined as follows: dividing government into legislative, executive, and judicial branches?

A) popular sovereignty

B) limited government

C) separation of powers

D) checks and balances

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Question 8

Which of the following is an example of separation of powers?

A) citizens voting in an election

B) a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

C) a presidential veto of a bill

D) Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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Question 9

Which statement best describes separation of powers?

A) separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

B) popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

C) limited government prevents arbitrary rule

D) checks and balances keep branches accountable

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Question 10

Which term is defined as follows: each branch limiting the others?

A) popular sovereignty

B) limited government

C) separation of powers

D) checks and balances

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Question 11

Which of the following is an example of checks and balances?

A) a presidential veto of a bill

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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Question 12

Which statement best describes checks and balances?

A) popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

B) checks and balances keep branches accountable

C) limited government prevents arbitrary rule

D) separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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Question 13

Which term is defined as follows: power shared between national and state governments?

A) federalism

B) popular sovereignty

C) limited government

D) separation of powers

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Question 14

Which of the following is an example of federalism?

A) citizens voting in an election

B) states running schools while the nation defends borders

C) a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

D) Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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Question 15

Which statement best describes federalism?

A) popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

B) limited government prevents arbitrary rule

C) federalism divides authority between levels

D) separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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Question 16

Which term is defined as follows : courts deciding whether laws fit the Constitution?

A) popular sovereignty

B) judicial review

C) limited government

D) separation of powers

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Question 17

Which of the following is an example of judicial review?

A) citizens voting in an election

B) a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

C) a court striking down a law

D) Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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Question 18

Which statement best describes judicial review?

A) popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

B) limited government prevents arbitrary rule

C) separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

D) judicial review was established in Marbury v Madison

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Question 19

Which term is defined as follows : the Constitution as the highest law of the land?

A) popular sovereignty

B) limited government

C) the supremacy clause

D) separation of powers

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Question 20

Which of the following is an example of the supremacy clause?

A) citizens voting in an election

B) a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

C) Congress making laws while courts interpret them

D) a federal law overriding a conflicting state law

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Question 21

Which statement best describes the supremacy clause?

A) the supremacy clause resolves conflicts between levels

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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Question 22

Which term is defined as follows: the first ten amendments protecting freedoms?

A) popular sovereignty

B) limited government

C) separation of powers

D) the Bill of Rights

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Question 23

Which of the following is an example of the Bill of Rights?

A) the First Amendment protecting speech

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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Question 24

Which statement best describes the Bill of Rights?

A) popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

B) the Bill of Rights limits government power over individuals

C) limited government prevents arbitrary rule

D) separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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Question 25

Which term is defined as follows: fair legal procedures before losing life, liberty, or property?

A) due process

B) popular sovereignty

C) limited government

D) separation of powers

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ANSWER KEY

1.	A	**10.**	D	**18.**	D
2.	B	**11.**	A	**19.**	C
3.	C	**12.**	B	**20.**	D
4.	B	**13.**	A	**21.**	A
5.	C	**14.**	B	**22.**	D
6.	D	**15.**	C	**23.**	A
7.	C	**16.**	B	**24.**	B
8.	D	**17.**	C	**25.**	A
9.	A				

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