

Constitutional Law History

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1. Which country's constitution is considered the oldest written national constitution currently in force?

- A) United States
- B) San Marino
- C) Norway
- D) France

2. The Magna Carta, a foundational document for constitutional law, was signed in which year?

- A) 1066
- B) 1215
- C) 1295
- D) 1485

3. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution formally abolished slavery in 1865?

- A) 12th Amendment
- B) 13th Amendment
- C) 14th Amendment
- D) 15th Amendment

4. In 1982, which country patriated its constitution from the United Kingdom, ending the need for British parliamentary approval for amendments?

- A) Australia
- B) New Zealand
- C) Canada
- D) South Africa

5. The 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688 led to the enactment of which document, which limited the powers of the English monarchy?

- A) Bill of Rights 1689
- B) Magna Carta
- C) Petition of Right
- D) Act of Settlement

6. Which Australian document, passed by the British Parliament, formally established the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901?

- A) Statute of Westminster
- B) Australia Act
- C) Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900
- D) Colonial Laws Validity Act

7. The Constitution of Japan, enacted in 1947 during the Allied occupation, is famously known for which feature?

- A) A clause renouncing war
- B) A hereditary presidency
- C) An established state religion
- D) The exclusion of judicial review

8. Who is historically credited as the primary author of the United States Declaration of Independence, a precursor to constitutional frameworks?

- A) George Washington
- B) Alexander Hamilton
- C) Thomas Jefferson
- D) James Madison

9. The Weimar Constitution, established in 1919, served as the founding document for which nation?

- A) Austria
- B) Germany
- C) Hungary
- D) Poland

10. Which 1803 U.S. Supreme Court case established the principle of judicial review?

- A) McCulloch v. Maryland
- B) Marbury v. Madison
- C) Gibbons v. Ogden
- D) Dred Scott v. Sandford

11. The Indian Constitution, the world's longest written constitution, came into effect on which date?

- A) August 15, 1947
- B) January 26, 1950
- C) October 2, 1948
- D) November 26, 1949

12. The 'Great Compromise' during the 1787 U.S. Constitutional Convention established what structure for the legislature?

- A) Unicameral legislature
- B) Bicameral legislature
- C) Parliamentary system
- D) Direct democracy

13. Which French document, created during the French Revolution, declared that 'men are born and remain free and equal in rights'?

- A) Napoleonic Code
- B) Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen
- C) Treaty of Versailles
- D) Edict of Nantes

14. In 1994, which country adopted a new 'interim' constitution that marked the end of the Apartheid era?

- A) Zimbabwe
- B) Namibia
- C) South Africa
- D) Kenya

15. The 'Articles of Confederation' was the first constitution of which country before it was replaced in 1789?

- A) Canada
- B) United States
- C) Australia
- D) Mexico