

Civics and Citizenship Knowledge

Government & Politics · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which country is one of the few in the world to make voting in federal elections compulsory for all adult citizens?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Australia**
- D) Canada

2. In a democratic system, which branch of government is primarily responsible for making and passing new laws?

- A) The Executive
- B) The Judiciary
- C) The Legislative**
- D) The Military

3. Which historical document, signed in 1215, established the principle that everyone, including the king, is subject to the law?

- A) The Declaration of Independence
- B) The Magna Carta**
- C) The Bill of Rights
- D) The Treaty of Versailles

4. In the Australian political system, who serves as the representative of the British Monarch at the federal level?

- A) The Prime Minister
- B) The Chief Justice
- C) The Speaker of the House
- D) The Governor-General**

5. What is the minimum age required for an Australian citizen to enroll and vote in a federal election?

- A) 16 years old
- B) 18 years old**
- C) 21 years old
- D) 17 years old

6. Which term describes a parliament that consists of two separate chambers, such as a House of Representatives and a Senate?

- A) Unicameral
- B) Bicameral**
- C) Tripartite
- D) Federalist

7. The 'Separation of Powers' doctrine aims to prevent the concentration of power by dividing government into how many branches?

- A) Two
- B) Three**
- C) Four
- D) Five

8. Which international organization, founded in 1945, aims to maintain international peace and security?

- A) The European Union
- B) The World Bank
- C) The United Nations**
- D) The G20

9. In the Australian House of Representatives, what is the specific voting system used where voters rank candidates in order of preference?

- A) First-past-the-post
- B) Proportional representation
- C) Preferential voting**
- D) List system

10. What is the primary document that sets out the rules for how the Australian Government is run and how its powers are distributed?

- A) The Australian Constitution**
- B) The Magna Carta
- C) The Bill of Rights
- D) The Human Rights Act