

Cosmic Civics: Government and Space Facts

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1. Which international treaty, signed by numerous nations, establishes principles for the peaceful exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies?

- A) The Outer Space Treaty of 1967**
- B) The Geneva Convention on the Law of the Sea
- C) The Non-Proliferation Treaty
- D) The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

2. The Outer Space Treaty, a cornerstone of space law, declares that outer space is not subject to national appropriation by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation, or by any other means. This principle aligns with which concept often discussed in government and political science?

- A) Sovereignty**
- B) Federalism
- C) Totalitarianism
- D) Autocracy

3. The International Space Station (ISS) is a collaborative project involving several space agencies. Which of these is NOT one of the primary partner agencies involved in the ISS program?

- A) NASA (United States)
- B) Roscosmos (Russia)
- C) ESA (European Space Agency)
- D) CNSA (China National Space Administration)**

4. The concept of 'space debris' poses a significant challenge for the long-term sustainability of space activities. Governments and international bodies are developing guidelines and regulations for the mitigation of space debris. This concern relates to which aspect of governance?

- A) Environmental protection and resource management**
- B) Trade policy and tariffs
- C) Judicial review and due process
- D) Fiscal policy and taxation

5. The United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) plays a crucial role in fostering international cooperation in space exploration. What is its primary function?

- A) To promote international cooperation and provide a forum for discussing space activities**
- B) To fund independent space missions for member states
- C) To establish a unified global space military force
- D) To regulate private commercial space ventures exclusively

6. The successful landing of the Perseverance rover on Mars was a significant achievement for NASA. The funding and planning of such missions are typically overseen by which branch of the US government?

- A) The Legislative Branch (Congress)**
- B) The Judicial Branch (Supreme Court)
- C) The Executive Branch (President)
- D) The Federal Reserve

7. Many nations have national space agencies responsible for their country's space exploration and research efforts. Which of these is a government-funded agency dedicated to space exploration?

- A) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**
- B) SpaceX
- C) Blue Origin
- D) Virgin Galactic

8. The vastness of space and the potential for future resource extraction from celestial bodies raise questions about international law and governance. Which legal framework is being developed to address potential future activities related to asteroid mining or lunar resources?

- A) The Moon Agreement**
- B) The Warsaw Convention
- C) The Hague Conventions
- D) The Paris Agreement