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1. In May 2024, the Supreme Court ruled on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) funding mechanism. What was the Court's decision regarding the challenge to the CFPB's funding?

- A) The Court found the funding mechanism unconstitutional.
- B) The Court reversed the challenge, upholding the CFPB's funding.**
- C) The Court sent the case back to a lower court for further review.
- D) The Court ruled that the CFPB must seek congressional appropriations annually.

2. As of June 4, 2024, what action did President Biden take regarding the U.S.-Mexico border to address high levels of illegal crossings?

- A) He announced a new diplomatic initiative with Mexico.
- B) He signed a proclamation to shut down the border if daily illegal crossings averaged 2,500.**
- C) He increased the number of processing centers for asylum seekers.
- D) He lifted all restrictions on asylum claims at the border.

3. What significant event occurred in Donald Trump's criminal trial in New York in May 2024?

- A) He was acquitted of all charges.
- B) He was found guilty on all 34 felony charges of falsifying business records.**
- C) The trial was declared a mistrial due to jury deadlock.
- D) He reached a plea agreement with prosecutors.

4. In May 2024, the Biden administration finalized a new rule aimed at assisting which group in obtaining Small Business Administration (SBA) loans?

- A) Veterans transitioning from military service.
- B) Recent college graduates seeking to start businesses.
- C) Returning citizens, including those on parole and probation.**
- D) Small businesses in rural areas.

5. According to reports in May 2024, which company's algorithm was found to have favored Republican content in the 2024 US elections?

- A) Facebook
- B) Twitter (X)
- C) TikTok**
- D) Google

6. In May 2024, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) officially rescinded a rule related to overtime eligibility. What was the previous threshold for overtime eligibility that was reinstated?

- A) \$43,888 annually
- B) \$58,600 annually
- C) \$35,568 annually**
- D) \$70,000 annually

7. In May 2024, a bipartisan bill was signed into law by President Biden that prohibits the import of what from Russia?

- A) Natural gas
- B) Enriched uranium**
- C) Steel
- D) Agricultural products

8. On June 18, 2024, President Biden announced new actions to facilitate employment for U.S. college graduates, including Dreamers. What is a key benefit of these new actions?

- A) Automatic citizenship for all U.S. college graduates.
- B) Faster acquisition of work visas for graduates with job offers in their field.**
- C) Full tuition waivers for all public universities.
- D) Guaranteed student loan forgiveness for all graduates.

9. In May 2024, the Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision in a case concerning arbitration agreements. What was the main holding of the Court in *Smith v. Spizzirri*?

- A) District courts have discretion to dismiss cases involving arbitrable disputes.
- B) Section 3 of the FAA compels a stay pending arbitration when requested, without court discretion to dismiss.**
- C) Arbitration agreements are invalid if not explicitly stated in writing.
- D) Federal courts cannot compel arbitration in cases involving interstate commerce.

10. What political event occurred on November 5, 2024, involving Donald Trump and Kamala Harris?

- A) A major international peace summit.
- B) The U.S. Presidential election.**
- C) A congressional vote on a new infrastructure bill.
- D) A Supreme Court confirmation hearing.