

Constitutional Law Essentials

Constitutional Law · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which article of the United States Constitution establishes the Supremacy Clause, dictating that federal law takes precedence over state law?

- A) Article I
- B) Article II
- C) Article VI**
- D) Article VII

2. What is the specific requirement for a constitutional amendment to be ratified under Article V of the U.S. Constitution once it has been proposed?

- A) Approval by two-thirds of the Supreme Court
- B) Ratification by three-fourths of state legislatures or conventions**
- C) Unanimous vote by the Senate
- D) Approval by the President and a national referendum

3. The 'Full Faith and Credit Clause' found in Article IV of the U.S. Constitution primarily governs which of the following?

- A) The obligation of states to recognize public acts and judicial proceedings of other states**
- B) The regulation of interstate commerce
- C) The process of impeaching federal officials
- D) The limitations on military spending

4. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution formally abolished slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime?

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

5. In the context of the Australian Constitution, which section outlines the exclusive powers of the Federal Parliament, such as customs and excise?

- A) Section 51
- B) Section 90**
- C) Section 128
- D) Section 109

6. What is the primary function of the 'Establishment Clause' found in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution?

A) It prohibits the government from establishing an official national religion

B) It grants the government the power to tax religious organizations

C) It requires public schools to teach creationism

D) It mandates that all government officials must be religious

7. Which legal doctrine, derived from the 14th Amendment, requires states to provide all persons within their jurisdiction equal protection of the laws?

A) Due Process Clause

B) Equal Protection Clause

C) Privileges or Immunities Clause

D) Establishment Clause

8. Under the Australian Constitution, which section operates to invalidate state laws to the extent that they are inconsistent with federal laws?

A) Section 51(xxix)

B) Section 109

C) Section 114

D) Section 92

9. The 'Necessary and Proper Clause' (also known as the Elastic Clause) is located in which part of the U.S. Constitution?

A) Article I, Section 8

B) Article II, Section 2

C) Article III, Section 1

D) Article IV, Section 3

10. Which U.S. Constitutional amendment guarantees the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury in criminal prosecutions?

A) 4th Amendment

B) 5th Amendment

C) 6th Amendment

D) 8th Amendment