

Australian Civics and Government

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1. Which document acts as the supreme law of Australia and outlines the rules for how the country is governed?

- A) The Magna Carta
- B) The Australian Constitution**
- C) The Declaration of Independence
- D) The Bill of Rights

2. Who is the official representative of the British Monarch in the Australian Federal Government?

- A) The Prime Minister
- B) The Chief Justice
- C) The Governor-General**
- D) The President

3. What are the three levels of government in Australia?

- A) Federal, State, and Local**
- B) Executive, Legislative, and Judicial
- C) Local, Regional, and National
- D) Upper, Lower, and Middle

4. In which city is the Parliament of Australia located?

- A) Sydney
- B) Melbourne
- C) Canberra**
- D) Brisbane

5. How many houses make up the Australian Federal Parliament?

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

6. What is the lower house of the Australian Federal Parliament called?

- A) The Senate
- B) The Legislative Council
- C) The House of Representatives**
- D) The High Court

7. Which person is the head of the Australian Federal Government?

- A) The Governor-General
- B) The Prime Minister**
- C) The Opposition Leader
- D) The Speaker

8. How many senators represent each Australian state in the Senate?

- A) 10
- B) 12**
- C) 15
- D) 20

9. What is the minimum age required for an Australian citizen to be eligible to vote?

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

10. What is the official term for the act of drawing lines on a map to create voting areas?

- A) Electorate
- B) Electoral Division
- C) Constituency
- D) All of the above**

11. Which body is responsible for conducting federal elections in Australia?

- A) The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)**
- B) The High Court
- C) The Department of Home Affairs
- D) The Parliament

12. What happens if an Australian citizen fails to vote in a federal election?

- A) They are ignored
- B) They receive a fine**
- C) They lose their passport
- D) They are barred from future elections

13. Which level of government is primarily responsible for waste collection and local parks?

- A) Federal
- B) State
- C) Local**
- D) Territory

14. Which level of government is responsible for the Australian Defence Force?

- A) Local
- B) State
- C) Federal**
- D) Council

15. What is the term for a proposed new law that is discussed in Parliament?

- A) A motion
- B) A bill**
- C) A decree
- D) An amendment

16. What must a bill receive to officially become an Act of Parliament?

- A) Royal Assent**
- B) Prime Ministerial Approval
- C) Public Referendum
- D) Judicial Review

17. What is the role of the Australian High Court?

- A) To draft new laws
- B) To interpret the Constitution**
- C) To manage state budgets
- D) To elect the Prime Minister

18. What does the 'separation of powers' in Australia prevent?

- A) The Prime Minister from voting
- B) One group from having too much power**
- C) The public from protesting
- D) The Queen from visiting

19. What is a referendum in the Australian context?

- A) A local council meeting
- B) A vote to change the Constitution**
- C) A federal election
- D) A judicial hearing

20. How many states are in the Commonwealth of Australia?

- A) 5
- B) 6**
- C) 7
- D) 8

21. Which territory has its own parliament similar to a state?

- A) Northern Territory**
- B) Jervis Bay Territory
- C) Norfolk Island
- D) Christmas Island

22. Who chairs the debates in the House of Representatives?

- A) The Prime Minister
- B) The Governor-General
- C) The Speaker**
- D) The Clerk

23. What is the 'Opposition' in Parliament?

- A) The political party with the second-highest number of seats**
- B) The group of people who voted against the law
- C) The media
- D) The High Court judges

24. What is the primary function of the Senate?

- A) To propose taxes
- B) To review and pass laws initiated in the House of Representatives**
- C) To control the police force
- D) To manage international travel

25. What is the term for the total number of members in the House of Representatives?

- A) 150
- B) 151**
- C) 152
- D) 153