

Foundations of Constitutional History

Constitutional Law · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. Which 1215 document is widely considered the foundational source for the principle that the sovereign is subject to the rule of law?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) Magna Carta**
- C) The Petition of Right
- D) The Statute of Westminster

2. The 1787 Constitutional Convention took place in which American city?

- A) New York City
- B) Washington D.C.
- C) Philadelphia**
- D) Boston

3. In 1803, which landmark U.S. Supreme Court case established the principle of judicial review?

- A) McCulloch v. Maryland
- B) Gibbons v. Ogden
- C) Marbury v. Madison**
- D) Dred Scott v. Sandford

4. The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900 was passed by the parliament of which nation?

- A) Australia
- B) United Kingdom**
- C) New Zealand
- D) Canada

5. Which English monarch was forced to sign the Petition of Right in 1628, limiting the power of the Crown?

- A) Charles I**
- B) James I
- C) Henry VIII
- D) William III

6. The Canadian Constitution Act of 1982 included the 'Patriation' of the constitution from which country?

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

7. Which amendment to the United States Constitution abolished slavery in 1865?

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

8. The Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany was enacted in which year?

- A) 1945
- B) 1949**
- C) 1952
- D) 1960

9. Which document, adopted in 1789, serves as the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution?

- A) The Articles of Confederation
- B) The Declaration of Independence
- C) The Bill of Rights**
- D) The Federalist Papers

10. In 1919, the Weimar Constitution established the parliamentary democracy for which nation?

- A) Austria
- B) Germany**
- C) Hungary
- D) Poland

11. The South African Constitution of 1996 was signed into law in which city?

- A) Cape Town
- B) Johannesburg
- C) Sharpeville**
- D) Pretoria

12. Which legislative act of 1931 formally granted legislative independence to the British Dominions?

A) The Statute of Westminster

B) The Colonial Laws Validity Act

C) The Australia Act

D) The Balfour Declaration

13. The Japanese Constitution, often called the 'Peace Constitution,' went into effect in what year?

A) 1945

B) 1947

C) 1950

D) 1952

14. Which U.S. President presided over the Constitutional Convention of 1787?

A) Thomas Jefferson

B) James Madison

C) George Washington

D) Alexander Hamilton

15. The 1958 Constitution of France marked the beginning of which republic?

A) Third Republic

B) Fourth Republic

C) Fifth Republic

D) Sixth Republic