

Understanding Australian Civics and Government

Civics & Government · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What is the name of the Australian national anthem?

- A) God Save the Queen
- B) Waltzing Matilda
- C) Advance Australia Fair**
- D) Flower of Scotland

2. In Australia's federal system, which level of government is responsible for laws regarding education?

- A) Federal Government
- B) State and Territory Governments**
- C) Local Councils
- D) High Court of Australia

3. Who is the current Head of State of Australia?

- A) The Prime Minister
- B) The Governor-General**
- C) The Queen of England
- D) The Chief Justice

4. What is the primary role of the High Court of Australia?

- A) To make new laws
- B) To interpret laws and the Constitution**
- C) To administer the government
- D) To represent Australia internationally

5. How many years is a term for a member of the Australian House of Representatives?

- A) 2
- B) 3**
- C) 4
- D) 5

6. What is the name given to the system of government in Australia, where power is divided between the federal government and state governments?

- A) Unitary system
- B) Confederation
- C) Federal system**
- D) Authoritarian system

7. In Australia, what is the term for a proposed law that has not yet been passed by Parliament?

- A) Act
- B) Statute
- C) Bill**
- D) Regulation

8. Who is the head of government in Australia?

- A) The Governor-General
- B) The Chief Justice
- C) The Prime Minister**
- D) The Speaker of the House

9. What does the 'preferential voting' system mean for Australian elections?

- A) Voters choose only one candidate.
- B) Voters rank candidates in order of preference.**
- C) Voters must vote for the incumbent.
- D) Voters can only vote for their local representative.

10. Which of the following is a fundamental right guaranteed by the Australian Constitution?

- A) The right to free healthcare
- B) The right to a jury trial**
- C) The right to own a firearm
- D) The right to vote in every election

11. What is the name of the upper house of the Australian Parliament?

- A) The House of Representatives
- B) The Senate**
- C) The Legislative Council
- D) The Parliament of Australia

12. Who represents the Queen as the head of state in Australia at the federal level?

- A) The Prime Minister
- B) The Chief Minister
- C) The Governor-General**
- D) The Lord Mayor

13. What is the term for the system where citizens elect representatives to make decisions on their behalf?

- A) Direct democracy
- B) Oligarchy
- C) Monarchy

D) Representative democracy

14. What is the name of the document that outlines the fundamental laws and principles of Australia's government?

- A) The Magna Carta
- B) The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

C) The Australian Constitution

- D) The Bill of Rights

15. In Australia, what is the role of the Opposition in Parliament?

- A) To support all government decisions.

B) To scrutinise and challenge government policies and actions.

- C) To write all new legislation.
- D) To act as the head of state.