

Foundations of Government & Politics

Government & Politics · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What is the primary purpose of a constitution in most countries?

- A) To declare war on other nations
- B) To outline the structure and powers of government**
- C) To organize national sporting events
- D) To print money

2. Which form of government is characterized by rule by a single person with absolute power?

- A) Democracy
- B) Republic
- C) Monarchy
- D) Dictatorship**

3. In a democratic system, where does political power ultimately reside?

- A) The military
- B) The wealthy elite
- C) The citizens**
- D) Foreign ambassadors

4. What is the term for the system of government where power is divided between a central government and regional governments?

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

5. What is the fundamental principle of separation of powers in government?

- A) All power is held by one branch
- B) Power is distributed among different branches to prevent tyranny**
- C) Power is transferred annually
- D) Power is based on inherited titles

6. Which branch of government is typically responsible for making laws?

- A) The Executive branch
- B) The Judicial branch
- C) The Legislative branch**
- D) The Bureaucratic branch

7. What does the term 'sovereignty' refer to in political science?

- A) The country's national anthem
- B) The highest form of artistic expression
- C) Supreme authority within a territory**
- D) The amount of natural resources

8. In a presidential system, who is typically the head of government and head of state?

- A) A Prime Minister
- B) A Monarch
- C) The President**
- D) A Chancellor

9. What is the main role of the judicial branch of government?

- A) To enforce laws
- B) To interpret laws**
- C) To create laws
- D) To approve laws

10. What is a 'republic' as a form of government?

- A) A government ruled by a king or queen
- B) A government where leaders are elected by the people**
- C) A government where decisions are made by religious leaders
- D) A government controlled by the military