

Foundations of Political Science

Political Science · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What is the primary function of the legislative branch in a democratic government?

- A) To enforce existing laws
- B) To interpret the constitution
- C) To create and pass new laws**
- D) To conduct foreign diplomacy

2. Which document is considered the supreme law of the United States?

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

3. In a representative democracy, what is the process by which citizens select officials to make decisions on their behalf?

- A) Direct voting
- B) Election**
- C) Referendum
- D) Appointment

4. What is a 'veto' in the context of government?

- A) The power of a leader to reject a law passed by a legislature**
- B) The power of a court to strike down a law
- C) A vote held by the general public
- D) The process of impeaching an official

5. Which term refers to the division of government responsibilities into distinct branches to prevent any one group from gaining too much power?

- A) Federalism
- B) Monarchy
- C) Separation of powers**
- D) Totalitarianism

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

- A) To manage the military
- B) To write the national budget
- C) To implement taxes
- D) To interpret and apply laws**

7. Which form of government is ruled by a single person who often holds absolute power, typically inherited through a family line?

A) Democracy

B) Monarchy

C) Republic

D) Oligarchy

8. What is the name for the system where power is shared between a central national government and smaller state or regional governments?

A) Federalism

B) Communism

C) Autocracy

D) Socialism