

Political Science Basics

Political Science · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What is the primary document that outlines the fundamental laws and principles of a country?

- A) Statute
- B) Constitution**
- C) By-law
- D) Treaty

2. Which form of government is ruled by a single person who often inherits the position through family?

- A) Democracy
- B) Oligarchy
- C) Monarchy**
- D) Anarchy

3. What is the term for the process where citizens cast votes to select their representatives?

- A) Election**
- B) Census
- C) Debate
- D) Lobbying

4. In a democracy, which branch of government is typically responsible for making laws?

- A) Judicial
- B) Executive
- C) Legislative**
- D) Military

5. What is the title commonly given to the head of government in many parliamentary systems?

- A) President
- B) Prime Minister**
- C) Governor
- D) Monarch

6. Which document is widely considered the first global declaration of human rights adopted by the United Nations?

- A) Magna Carta
- B) Bill of Rights
- C) Universal Declaration of Human Rights**
- D) Treaty of Versailles

7. What do we call a formal proposal for a new law that is presented to a legislative body?

- A) Veto
- B) Amendment
- C) Bill**
- D) Verdict

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

- A) Enforcing laws
- B) Interpreting laws**
- C) Creating taxes
- D) Declaring war

9. What is a 'referendum' in the context of political science?

- A) A type of tax
- B) A public vote on a specific issue**
- C) A legislative session
- D) A diplomatic meeting

10. Which international organization was established in 1945 to promote peace and cooperation among nations?

- A) NATO
- B) European Union
- C) United Nations**
- D) Red Cross

11. What is an 'amendment' in a constitution?

- A) A repeal of the law
- B) A formal change or addition**
- C) A court decision
- D) A presidential decree

12. In political science, what is a 'sovereign state'?

- A) A state with no laws
- B) A state with full control over its own territory**
- C) A state ruled by another country
- D) A state without borders

13. What is the 'executive' branch of government responsible for?

- A) Writing bills
- B) Executing and enforcing the law**
- C) Interpreting the constitution
- D) Funding political parties

14. Which term describes a political system where power is held by a small group of people?

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

15. What is the primary function of a political party?

- A) To write court rulings
- B) To organize citizens to win elections and influence government**
- C) To collect national taxes
- D) To manage the police force