

Foundations of Government and Citizenship

Political Science · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What is the official title of the person who serves as the head of government in Australia?

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

2. Which document acts as the supreme set of rules for how the Australian government must operate?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) The Magna Carta
- C) The Australian Constitution**
- D) The Declaration of Independence

3. In a democracy, how do citizens most commonly choose their political representatives?

- A) By flipping a coin
- B) Through secret ballot voting**
- C) By royal appointment
- D) By random lottery

4. What is the name of the two houses that make up the Australian Federal Parliament?

- A) The Senate and House of Representatives**
- B) The High Court and Supreme Court
- C) The Cabinet and the Ministry
- D) The Local and State Council

5. What is the primary role of the judiciary branch in a government system?

- A) To write new laws
- B) To enforce laws in the streets
- C) To interpret and apply the laws**
- D) To collect taxes from citizens

6. What is a 'referendum' in the context of the Australian political system?

- A) A meeting of world leaders
- B) A vote to change the Constitution**
- C) A type of school election
- D) A tax collected by local government

7. Who represents the British Monarch in Australia at the federal level?

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

8. What is the term for a system of government where the people hold the power through elected representatives?

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

9. At the federal level in Australia, what does 'compulsory voting' mean for eligible citizens?

- A) They are encouraged to vote
- B) They must register to vote
- C) They are required by law to vote**
- D) They only vote in state elections

10. What is the main function of the 'Executive' branch of government?

- A) To make laws
- B) To put laws into action and administer policy**
- C) To provide legal advice to citizens
- D) To organize community sports