Foundations of Government and Citizenship

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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

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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

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