Australian Constitutional Basics

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1. What is the supreme law of Australia called?

A) The Australian Constitution
B) The Magna Carta
C) The Bill of Rights
D) The Statutes of Parliament

2. In what year did the Australian Constitution officially take effect?

A) 1788
B) 1890
C) 1901
D) 1950

3. Who is the formal head of state in Australia according to the Constitution?

A) The Prime Minister
B) The Monarch
C) The Governor-General
D) The Chief Justice

4. How many chapters are in the Australian Constitution?

A) 5
B) 8
C) 10
D) 12

5. Which section of the Australian Constitution outlines the powers of the Parliament?

A) Section 51
B) Section 1
C) Section 128
D) Section 10

6. What is the process for changing the Australian Constitution called?

A) A debate
B) An election
C) A referendum
D) A royal decree

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7. Which body of government is responsible for making laws in Australia?

A) The High Court
B) The Federal Parliament
C) The State Police
D) The Local Council

8. Which group of people must vote 'Yes' for a constitutional change to succeed?

A) The Prime Minister only
B) A majority of voters in a majority of states
C) The Supreme Court judges
D) The state governors

9. What is the highest court in Australia established by the Constitution?

A) The Family Court
B) The Magistrates Court
C) The High Court
D) The District Court

10. Which document joined the six separate colonies into a single nation?

A) The Constitution Act 1900
B) The Treaty of Waitangi
C) The Declaration of Independence
D) The Bill of Federation

11. Who represents the Monarch in Australia?

A) The Prime Minister
B) The Governor-General
C) The Opposition Leader
D) The Speaker

12. What does Section 51 of the Constitution list?

A) The salaries of politicians
B) The heads of power of the Parliament
C) The rules for voting
D) The list of national holidays

13. Where is the original copy of the Australian Constitution kept?

A) National Archives of Australia
B) The Sydney Opera House
C) The Prime Minister's home
D) The High Court Library

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14. Which house of the Australian Parliament is known as the 'People's House'?

A) The Senate
B) The House of Representatives
C) The High Court
D) The Privy Council

15. How are Senators chosen under the Constitution?

A) By the Prime Minister
B) Directly by the people of each state
C) By appointment from the Monarch
D) By the State Premiers

16. What is required to change the Australian Constitution?

A) A simple majority vote in the House
B) A double majority in a referendum
C) Approval from the UN
D) A signature from the President

17. Which chapter of the Constitution deals with the Judicature?

A) Chapter I
B) Chapter II
C) Chapter III
D) Chapter IV

18. The Australian Constitution is written in what language?

A) Latin
B) French
C) English
D) Greek

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