

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

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

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