Fundamentals of Public Policy

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1. Which stage of the public policy cycle involves monitoring the results of a policy to determine if it is meeting its intended objectives?

A) Policy formulation
B) Policy implementation
C) Policy evaluation
D) Agenda setting

2. What is the term for the process by which specific issues are identified as requiring government intervention?

A) Agenda setting
B) Policy legitimation
C) Policy adoption
D) Policy termination

3. Which branch of government is primarily responsible for the implementation of public policies?

A) Legislative
B) Judicial
C) Executive
D) Electoral

4. In the context of public policy, what does a 'Green Paper' represent?

A) The final version of a law
B) A government document outlining policy proposals for public discussion
C) A judicial ruling on policy constitutionality
D) A secret report accessible only to parliament

5. Which of the following is considered a primary tool used by governments to influence public policy through financial incentives or penalties?

A) Judicial review
B) Fiscal policy
C) Public consultation
D) Lobbying

6. What is the primary role of a 'think tank' in the public policy process?

A) To enact legislation
B) To conduct research and provide policy recommendations
C) To represent political parties in elections
D) To enforce policy regulations

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7. Which document is typically produced by a government to present its finalized policy intentions and proposed legislative changes?

A) White Paper
B) Green Paper
C) Petition
D) Draft Amendment

8. What is 'Policy Advocacy'?

A) The act of implementing a policy
B) The process of attempting to influence public policy decisions
C) The legal review of a policy
D) The final stage of policy termination

9. Which term describes the systematic study of the effectiveness of a policy after it has been implemented?

A) Policy analysis
B) Public consultation
C) Policy framing
D) Policy legitimacy

10. In democratic systems, which of the following groups has the formal authority to authorize the funding required for new public policies?

A) The judiciary
B) The civil service
C) The legislature
D) The media

11. Which of the following is a non-state actor that frequently influences public policy through public awareness campaigns?

A) The High Court
B) Government departments
C) Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
D) Cabinet ministers

12. What is the primary purpose of 'public consultation' in the policy-making process?

A) To gather feedback from stakeholders affected by a policy proposal
B) To allow the judiciary to review policy legality
C) To determine the tax rate for a new policy
D) To elect new government officials

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