Civics and Government Essentials

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1. What is the name of the document that sets out the rules for how the Australian government operates?

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

2. Which level of government in Australia is primarily responsible for national issues like defense and immigration?

A) Local government
B) State government
C) Federal government
D) Territory government

3. Who is the official representative of the Monarch in Australia at the federal level?

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

4. In the Australian Parliament, what is the 'lower house' formally called?

A) The Senate
B) The House of Representatives
C) The High Court
D) The Legislative Assembly

5. How often must a federal election be held in Australia?

A) Every 2 years
B) Every 3 years
C) Every 4 years
D) Every 5 years

6. Which of these is a compulsory requirement for Australian citizens aged 18 and over?

A) Joining a political party
B) Enrolling to vote
C) Running for office
D) Attending a town hall meeting

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7. What is the main role of the High Court of Australia?

A) To pass new taxes
B) To interpret the Constitution
C) To select the Prime Minister
D) To write local council laws

8. What is the name of the process where citizens vote 'yes' or 'no' on a proposed change to the Constitution?

A) An election
B) A budget
C) A referendum
D) A petition

9. Which level of government is usually responsible for local roads, rubbish collection, and parks?

A) Federal government
B) State government
C) Local council
D) The Ministry of Finance

10. In the Australian political system, what term describes the head of the government?

A) The President
B) The Prime Minister
C) The Monarch
D) The Governor

11. How many senators represent each of the original Australian states in the federal Senate?

A) 6
B) 10
C) 12
D) 15

12. What is the name of the group of senior ministers who advise the government on policy?

A) The Judiciary
B) The Cabinet
C) The Opposition
D) The Backbenchers

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