Advanced Constitutional Law Quiz

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1. Which specific article of the United States Constitution establishes the Supremacy Clause, dictating that the Constitution and federal laws are the supreme law of the land?

A) Article III
B) Article IV
C) Article VI
D) Article VII

2. Under the Australian Constitution, which section grants the Federal Parliament the power to make laws with respect to 'external affairs'?

A) Section 51(xxix)
B) Section 51(xxx)
C) Section 52(i)
D) Section 51(i)

3. What is the primary function of the 'Grundnorm' as proposed by legal theorist Hans Kelsen in the context of constitutional hierarchy?

A) To define the powers of the executive
B) To validate the legal order as a whole
C) To separate judicial and legislative branches
D) To establish universal human rights

4. In the context of the German Basic Law (Grundgesetz), which article contains the 'eternity clause' (Ewigkeitsklausel), prohibiting amendments that affect the basic principles of human dignity and federal structure?

A) Article 1
B) Article 20
C) Article 79(3)
D) Article 104

5. Which 1803 U.S. Supreme Court case formally established the principle of judicial review by declaring an act of Congress unconstitutional?

A) McCulloch v. Maryland
B) Gibbons v. Ogden
C) Marbury v. Madison
D) Cohens v. Virginia

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6. Which country's constitution, enacted in 1996, is widely cited as the first to include socio-economic rights alongside traditional civil and political rights?

A) South Africa
B) Canada
C) India
D) Brazil

7. The 'Separation of Powers' doctrine is most famously associated with which Enlightenment philosopher, whose work influenced the drafting of the U.S. Constitution?

A) John Locke
B) Thomas Hobbes
C) Baron de Montesquieu
D) Jean-Jacques Rousseau

8. In the Canadian Constitution, which section contains the 'notwithstanding clause,' allowing legislatures to temporarily override certain Charter rights?

A) Section 1
B) Section 15
C) Section 33
D) Section 52

9. What is the formal name for the process in the United Kingdom where constitutional conventions are observed despite lacking legal codification?

A) The Westminster Convention
B) The Constitutional Custom
C) The Rule of Recognition
D) The Royal Prerogative

10. The 1947 Constitution of Japan was drafted primarily under the oversight of which Allied occupation figure?

A) General Douglas MacArthur
B) General Dwight D. Eisenhower
C) Admiral Chester Nimitz
D) President Harry Truman

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11. In the Indian Constitution, the 'Basic Structure Doctrine'--which prevents Parliament from altering the fundamental features of the Constitution--was established in which landmark case?

A) Golak Nath v. State of Punjab
B) Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala
C) Minerva Mills v. Union of India
D) A.K. Gopalan v. State of Madras

12. Which type of constitutional system requires that any change to the constitution must be approved by a special majority or a referendum?

A) Flexible constitution
B) Rigid constitution
C) Unitary constitution
D) Parliamentary constitution

13. Which article of the U.S. Constitution outlines the requirements and process for the formal amendment of the document?

A) Article V
B) Article VI
C) Article I
D) Article II

14. In French constitutional law, the 'Bloc de constitutionnalité' includes the 1789 Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen and which other foundational document?

A) The Magna Carta
B) The 1946 Preamble to the Constitution
C) The Code Napoléon
D) The Treaty of Rome

15. The principle of 'ultra vires' in constitutional and administrative law dictates that:

A) Judges cannot be removed from office
B) Public bodies can only act within their legal authority
C) Parliament is sovereign
D) The executive branch is immune to prosecution

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16. Which constitutional scholar is most associated with the 'living constitution' theory, arguing that the document evolves with changing societal standards?

A) Antonin Scalia
B) William Brennan
C) Robert Bork
D) Clarence Thomas

17. Under the Constitution of the Republic of Ireland, which institution serves as the final arbiter of constitutionality for proposed legislation?

A) The Dáil Éireann
B) The Seanad Éireann
C) The Supreme Court of Ireland
D) The Council of State

18. The 'Interstate Commerce Clause' in the U.S. Constitution is found in which article and section?

A) Article I, Section 8
B) Article II, Section 2
C) Article III, Section 1
D) Article IV, Section 3

19. In the context of constitutional law, what does the term 'entrenchment' refer to?

A) The power of the military to intervene
B) Provisions that make it difficult to amend a constitution
C) The mandatory retirement age of justices
D) The process of appointing heads of state

20. Which 1960 constitutional document, known as the 'Bill of Rights,' was the first to be enacted as a statutory law in the United Kingdom?

A) The Human Rights Act 1998
B) The Canadian Bill of Rights
C) The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act
D) The Nigerian Bill of Rights

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