Constitutional Law Foundations

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1. On what exact date was the United States Constitution signed by the delegates at the Constitutional Convention?

A) July 4, 1776
B) September 17, 1787
C) December 15, 1791
D) June 21, 1788

2. How many articles are contained within the original text of the United States Constitution?

A) 5
B) 7
C) 9
D) 12

3. Who was the primary author of the Virginia Plan, often referred to as the 'Father of the Constitution'?

A) Alexander Hamilton
B) Thomas Jefferson
C) James Madison
D) George Washington

4. Which article of the U.S. Constitution establishes the powers and structure of the Legislative Branch?

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

5. The first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, collectively known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified in which year?

A) 1787
B) 1789
C) 1791
D) 1795

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6. Under Article II of the U.S. Constitution, what is the minimum age requirement for a person to serve as President?

A) 30
B) 35
C) 40
D) 45

7. How many states were required to ratify the U.S. Constitution for it to take effect, according to Article VII?

A) 7
B) 9
C) 11
D) 13

8. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution officially abolished slavery and involuntary servitude?

A) 12th Amendment
B) 13th Amendment
C) 14th Amendment
D) 15th Amendment

9. How many amendments have been formally added to the United States Constitution to date?

A) 25
B) 27
C) 29
D) 31

10. According to Article I, Section 2, what is the minimum age required to serve as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives?

A) 21
B) 25
C) 30
D) 35

11. The 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote, was certified on what date?

A) August 18, 1920
B) August 26, 1920
C) November 2, 1920
D) January 1, 1921

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12. In the case Marbury v. Madison (1803), who was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who delivered the opinion establishing judicial review?

A) John Marshall
B) John Jay
C) Oliver Ellsworth
D) Roger Taney

13. Article III of the U.S. Constitution requires that a conviction for treason must be based on the testimony of how many witnesses to the same overt act?

A) One
B) Two
C) Three
D) Five

14. Which constitutional amendment limits a President to serving no more than two elected terms?

A) 20th Amendment
B) 21st Amendment
C) 22nd Amendment
D) 23rd Amendment

15. According to Article I, Section 3, a U.S. Senator must have been a citizen of the United States for at least how many years?

A) 5
B) 7
C) 9
D) 11

16. The 26th Amendment, which lowered the voting age to 18, was ratified in which year?

A) 1968
B) 1971
C) 1974
D) 1976

17. How many Supreme Court Justices are currently prescribed by federal statute to sit on the Court?

A) 7
B) 8
C) 9
D) 11

18. The 16th Amendment, which gave Congress the power to levy an income tax, was ratified in what year?

A) 1909
B) 1911
C) 1913
D) 1916

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