Advanced Government & Political History

Political Science · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. On what exact date did the Magna Carta receive the seal of King John at Runnymede?

A) June 15, 1215
B) July 4, 1215
C) May 20, 1215
D) August 12, 1215

2. How many amendments were originally proposed by the United States Congress to the states in 1789, of which ten were eventually ratified as the Bill of Rights?

A) 8
B) 10
C) 12
D) 14

3. Who was the longest-serving Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in the 20th century by total days in office?

A) Winston Churchill
B) Harold Wilson
C) Margaret Thatcher
D) Tony Blair

4. In the Australian Constitution, which section outlines the procedure for constitutional alteration via referendum?

A) Section 51
B) Section 72
C) Section 109
D) Section 128

5. How many articles are contained within the Constitution of the United States?

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

6. Who served as the first female Prime Minister of a country, taking office in Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) in 1960?

A) Indira Gandhi
B) Golda Meir
C) Sirimavo Bandaranaike
D) Margaret Thatcher

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7. The Treaty of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty Years' War and established modern concepts of state sovereignty, was signed in which year?

A) 1618
B) 1648
C) 1660
D) 1688

8. How many members serve in the United States Senate?

A) 50
B) 99
C) 100
D) 435

9. Which US President signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law?

A) John F. Kennedy
B) Lyndon B. Johnson
C) Dwight D. Eisenhower
D) Richard Nixon

10. What is the minimum age requirement to be elected as a member of the Australian House of Representatives?

A) 18
B) 21
C) 25
D) 30

11. In the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, how many articles define the fundamental rights and freedoms?

A) 20
B) 30
C) 40
D) 50

12. Who was the first person to hold the office of Secretary-General of the United Nations (appointed officially in 1946)?

A) Dag Hammarskjöld
B) Trygve Lie
C) U Thant
D) Kurt Waldheim

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13. The 'Great Compromise' during the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia was primarily authored by which delegate?

A) James Madison
B) Roger Sherman
C) Alexander Hamilton
D) Benjamin Franklin

14. How many electoral votes are currently required to win a United States presidential election?

A) 269
B) 270
C) 271
D) 538

15. Which year saw the collapse of the Berlin Wall, a pivotal event in the geopolitical shift of the late 20th century?

A) 1987
B) 1988
C) 1989
D) 1990

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