

Ch 9 US Constitution Review

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 - b. .

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 - a. .
 - b. .
 - c. .

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 - i. .
 - ii. .

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a. .

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a. .

10. How did states retain rights under Federalism?

a. .

b. .

11. What advantages does interstate commerce have under federal government?

a. .

b. .

c. .

12. List Federal Government powers:

a. .

b. .

c. .

d. .

e. .

13. List State Government powers:

a. .

b. .

c. .

d. .

e. .

Study the packet:

- Know the terms
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1. Why is the U.S. Constitution called a "Living Document"?
 - a. To allow laws/acts to be amended as society changes

2. Why is it difficult to change/amend the Constitution?
 - a. The framers wanted to maintain the basic framework and keep stability in the government.

3. What is the purpose for the Separation of Powers (3 branches of Government)?
 - a. Not to allow one person from being king-like (with too much power)
 - b. Each branch has its own distinct powers.

4. What is the purpose for the Checks and Balance System?
 - a. To allow one branch to limit the power of the other branches
 - b. To prevent one branch from being more powerful than another branch.
 - c. To block abuse of powers from other branches

5. Why is it important to have term limits for the President?
 - a. President- 4 years each term, only two terms allowed-
 - i. 4 years to get work done
 - ii. 2 terms so that they do not become too kinglike

6. Why was it important to have different term lengths for the Congress?
 - a. Senate- 6 years each terms to allow them more time to get work done
 - b. Representative- only 2 years terms to force them to spend more time with voters/needs

7. Why was it important for the Supreme Court Justices to work for life after being selected?
 - a. To have enough time to do their work without political influence

8. What is Federalism?
 - a. Shared powers between the national and state government

9. Why was it important to create a federal government?
 - a. One strong central government would keep the nation united.

10. How did states retain rights under Federalism?
 - a. The states retain any powers not mentioned in the U.S. Constitution
 - b. States also have some shared powers with the federal gov.

11. What advantages does interstate commerce have under federal government?
 - a. US has one single stronger economy
 - b. Resources/goods flow easier between states
 - c. Businesses can expand throughout the states

12. List Federal Government powers:
 - a. print/coin money
 - b. declare war
 - c. write treaties
 - d. interstate commerce
 - e. mail

13. List State Government powers:
 - a. Schools
 - b. local government
 - c. most crimes
 - d. marriages
 - e. in-state commerce

14. List Shared Government powers:
 - a. Collecting taxes
 - b. public safety/health
 - c. maintain roads

15. How can people participate in government?
 - a. Vote in elections
 - b. Support a political party/ candidate
 - c. Support an interest group
 - d. Be a candidate

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