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Constitution Quiz #1 (50 points)

Multiple Choice (1 point each)

Choose the answer that best responds to the question.

1. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
 - a. the President
 - b. Congress
 - c. a general
 - d. the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
2. Who has the power to declare war?
 - a. the President
 - b. Congress
 - c. a general
 - d. the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
3. If a vice president were to commit a federal offense, who has the power to impeach him or her?
 - a. the President
 - b. the Senate
 - c. the American people
 - d. the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
4. The media is reporting a raise in federal income tax for the coming year. Where did the proposal for this new tax originate?
 - a. the Executive Branch
 - b. the Legislative Branch
 - c. the Judicial Branch
 - d. the American voters
5. Who has the power to approve or veto legislation?
 - a. the President
 - b. Congress
 - c. the vice president
 - d. the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
6. What are the citizenship requirements for becoming a **Representative in the House**?
 - a. You must be a US citizen for at least 7 years
 - b. You must be a US citizen for at least 9 years
 - c. You must be a natural born US citizen
 - d. There are none
7. What are the citizenship requirements for becoming a **senator**?
 - a. You must be a US citizen for at least 7 years
 - b. You must be a US citizen for at least 9 years
 - c. You must be a natural born US citizen
 - d. There are none
8. Any information related to the **Judicial Branch** can be found in which part of the Constitution?
 - a. Article I
 - b. Article II
 - c. Article III
 - d. Article IV

9. Any information related to the **Legislative Branch** can be found in which part of the Constitution?
- a. Article I
 - b. Article II
 - c. Article III
 - d. Article IV
10. Any information related to the **Executive Branch** can be found in which part of the Constitution?
- a. Article I
 - b. Article II
 - c. Article III
 - d. Article IV
11. What is the process by which an **amendment** to the Constitution gets passed?
- a. The amendment receives $\frac{2}{3}$ approval in the House and in the Senate, then the president signs it.
 - b. The amendment receives $\frac{2}{3}$ approval in the House, $\frac{3}{4}$ approval in the Senate, then the president signs it.
 - c. The amendment receives $\frac{2}{3}$ approval in the House and in the Senate, then $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states approve it.
 - d. The amendment receives $\frac{2}{3}$ approval in the House, then $\frac{2}{3}$ approval in the Senate, then it goes to the Supreme Court to rule on whether or not it is constitutional.

****For the next set of questions, use your copy of the Constitution****

12. According to Article 1, Section 9, Clause 1, in what year will the Slave Trade end?
- a. 1880
 - b. 1808
 - c. 1800
 - d. 1818

Summarizing the Constitution (4 points each)

Continue to use your copy of the Constitution to answer the following questions.

1. Explain what Article 2, Section 1, Clause 2 and the 12th Amendment outline as the process by which the president and the vice president are to be elected in the United States.

2. What issue is Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3 referring to? Support your answer with specific evidence from the text.

Definitions (2 points each)

Define the following key terms as they relate to our current study of the Constitution.

1. What is the difference between the *popular vote* and the *electoral vote*? _____

2. What is the difference between winning a *majority* and winning a *plurality*? _____

3. What is the difference between a *delegate* and an *elector* (as they relate to the election process)? _____

Short Answer (1 point each, unless otherwise indicated)

Answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Where did the Constitutional Convention take place? _____
2. When did the Constitutional Convention take place (months and year)? _____
3. Name two people who were present at the Constitutional Convention: (2 points)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. Name three people who were absent from the Constitutional Convention and why they were not there: (4 points)
 - a. Name: _____/Absent because _____
 - b. Name: _____/Absent because _____
5. How many electoral votes does it currently take to win the presidential election? _____
6. In the 2000 presidential election, Democratic candidate Al Gore won 48.38% of the popular vote, while Republican candidate George Bush won 47.87% of the popular vote. Explain how it is possible for Al Gore to have lost the election despite winning the country's popular vote: (4 points)

7. Using the attached map, name five states that a presidential candidate would most like to win in order to become the next president of the United States: (5 points total, 1 point per state listed)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

Open Response (6 points)

Choose **one** of the following questions below to respond to in a well-written, thorough, and accurately detailed paragraph on the following page.

Your response should include:

- A topic sentence
- Relevant and specific information that supports your answer
- Proper spelling and grammar

1. Explain how the Great Compromise was, in fact, a compromise. Keep in mind the different ideas that were proposed, the fears of the delegates at the convention (and the fears of those that were missing), and the reasoning behind settling on this decision.

2. Summarize the leading opinions of those who oppose the Electoral College and wish to see it abolished. Do you agree or disagree with these opinions? Why or why not?

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