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The U.S. Constitution: The Legislative Branch

Article I of the United States Constitution spells out the powers of the Legislative Branch. What else do you know about Article I? Carefully read each question, and circle the letter of the correct answer. **To Find some of the answers you will have to research on the Internet**

1. The legislative branch is made up of:
- a. Federal courts.
 - b. Two houses of Congress.
 - c. The President and the Vice-President.
 - d. The Assembly and the House of Burgesses.

2. How is representation in the House of Representatives determined?
- a. By the physical size of the state.
 - b. By the location of the state.
 - c. By the size of the state's population.
 - d. Every state has the same number of representatives.

3. Which of the following is true about the Senate and the House of Representatives?
- a. The age requirement for the Senate is older than that for the House.
 - b. The Senate has more members than the House.
 - c. Members of both houses must be natural born citizens.
 - d. Terms of office for the Senate and House are the same length.

4. Place the following steps of the lawmaking process in the correct order.
- I. President may veto the bill.
 - II. The bill is introduced in the Senate or House.
 - III. The bill is passed in each house.
 - IV. If the President vetoes the bill, the houses vote to override the veto.
- a. III, II, I, IV c. II, III, I, IV
- b. I, III, IV, II d. IV, I, II, III

5. Which of the following is not a power of Congress?
- a. To regulate trade with other nations.
 - b. To raise and support a navy.
 - c. To coin money.
 - d. To appoint judges.
6. Which powers do both state governments and the federal government have?
- a. Power to tax.
 - b. Power to regulate trade between states.
 - c. Power to make treaties with other countries.
 - d. Power to grant patents and copyrights.
7. Section 8, Clause 18 is sometimes called the "elastic clause," because it allows actions not specifically named in the Constitution. Which might be an example of such an action?
- a. Designing and printing a new five-dollar bill.
 - b. Setting a new tax on imported basketballs.
 - c. Buying territory to expand the boundaries of the United States.
8. Which power is held only by the House of Representatives?
- a. Power to declare war.
 - b. Power to initiate tax bills.
 - c. Power to set punishments for counterfeiters.
 - d. Power to override a presidential veto.

9. Which phrase best completes the sentence? "If a President is impeached,
- a. The trial takes place in the Senate.
 - b. Members of the House of Representatives can remove the President from office.
 - c. The President will go to jail.
 - d. The courts decide what should happen next.

10. While at the Capitol building, where Congress meets, a Representative may:
- a. Spend as much money as he or she wants on government business.
 - b. Not be arrested for anything said in a speech.
 - c. Miss many sessions without fear of punishment by the House.
 - d. Hold a full-time job as a city mayor.

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