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U.S. Constitution Quiz: Amendments 1-10

Test your knowledge of the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Carefully read each question, and circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Which of the following rights and freedoms is specifically guaranteed by the first ten amendments?

- a. Right to an education
- b. Freedom of the press
- c. Right to privacy
- d. Freedom to own property

2. The Fifth Amendment states that a person cannot be:

- a. Tried twice for the same crime.
- b. Forced to give evidence against himself or herself.
- c. Deprived of life, liberty, and property without due process of law.
- d. All of the above.

3. According to the Fourth Amendment, the police can search and seize a person's property only if:

- a. The owner consents.
- b. The neighbors sign a petition.
- c. The chief of police gives permission.
- d. A judge issues a warrant.

4. A man is arrested. (1)The police hold him for several days before telling him the charge against him. (2) He calls an attorney who makes plans for the trial. (3) At the trial, various witnesses are called to testify against the man. (4) However, his attorney is not allowed to ask questions of the witnesses. (5) A judge finds him guilty of the crime. Which stages in the above situation seem to be violations of the man's Sixth Amendment rights?

- a. 2,3,4
- b. 1,3,5
- c. 1,4,5
- d. 3,4,5

5. Which of these is not allowed, according to the Eighth Amendment?
- a. Reasonable bail
 - b. Reasonable fines
 - c. Jail terms
 - d. Cruel punishments
6. Why was the Ninth Amendment added to the Constitution?
- a. Because the framers worried they might have forgotten an important right.
 - b. Because the framers wanted to make clear that basic rights were guaranteed even if they were not stated specifically.
 - c. Because the Bill of Rights had to have ten parts.
 - d. Because the English Bill of Rights listed nine rights.
7. One provision of the First Amendment is:
- a. Freedom of speech.
 - b. The right to an impartial jury.
 - c. The right to bear arms.
 - d. Freedom from unusual punishments.
8. The Tenth Amendment states that:
- a. Most powers belong to the national government.
 - b. Powers not given to the national government or prohibited from the states belong to the states or the people.
 - c. The people are the source of all government powers.
 - d. The states are the most important part of our government system.

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