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The Constitution Article I Guided Reading Questions

Academic Honesty Homework Policy:

It is acceptable to ask other students questions about difficult concepts, but assignments should be written entirely in your own words (IYOW).

Use the Annotated Constitution online or the appendix in your textbook to answer the following:

Section 1

1. This section provides for a _____ legislature, consisting of a _____ and _____.

Section 2

2. How often are elections held for the House? Why?
3. What are the basic qualifications to run for the House of Representatives?
4. What does the Constitution require Congress to do every 10 years by Congress? Why?
5. How many Representatives is every state guaranteed in the House?
6. What is the “sole power” granted to the House of Representatives? How does this fit in with a system of checks and balances?

Section 3

7. What is a senator’s term of office?
8. How is representation in the Senate equal among the states?
9. What are three reasons the Constitution divides the Senate into three classes for elections?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
10. What are the qualifications to run for the Senate?
11. The Senate is voting on a bill; there is a tie. Who casts the deciding vote?
12. What “sole power” is the Senate granted? Why does the Senate have this power?

Section 4

13. According to the Constitution, who is in charge of redistricting and elections?

Section 5

14. What is a Quorum and why is it important?

15. Why does the Constitution require that each house publish a journal of its proceedings?

Section 6

16. Do members of Congress receive a salary? If so, who pays for it?

17. Can congressmen be arrested during a legislative session? Why or why not?

18. A senator is appointed as Secretary of State by the President. What does the Constitution require that he do before he can fill the new position? Why?

Section 7

19. All tax bills must originate in the _____. Why?

20. The President vetoes a bill that passed both the House of Representatives and Senate. Can the bill still become a law? If so, how?

Section 8

21. What are three powers granted to Congress that helped to regulate the nation's economy?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

22. What are three powers granted to Congress that provided for the "common defense" of the nation?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

23. What clause allows Congress to go beyond its enumerated powers?

Section 9

24. How is Section 9 different from Section 8?

25. What are four powers denied to Congress?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

26. Direct taxation is prohibited in this clause. How did the national government get the power to tax incomes?