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### Part 1: Building a Foundation

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#### What is the primary purpose of the Preamble in the Constitution?

*Hint: Think about the introduction and goals of the Constitution.*

- A) To outline the amendments
- B) To introduce the Constitution and state its goals
- C) To establish the legislative branch
- D) To define the rights of citizens

#### Which of the following are principles of the Constitution? (Select all that apply)

*Hint: Consider the foundational ideas that guide the Constitution.*

- A) Separation of Powers
- B) Judicial Review
- C) Checks and Balances
- D) Monarchy

#### Describe the concept of 'Federalism' as outlined in the Constitution.

*Hint: Think about the division of powers between national and state governments.*

#### List the three branches of government established by the Constitution and their primary functions.

*Hint: Consider the roles each branch plays in governance.*

1. Legislative Branch

2. Executive Branch

3. Judicial Branch

## Part 2: Comprehension and Application

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**Which article of the Constitution establishes the judicial branch?**

*Hint: Think about the structure of the Constitution and where the judicial branch is mentioned.*

- A) Article I
- B) Article II
- C) Article III
- D) Article IV

**What are the roles of the Bill of Rights? (Select all that apply)**

*Hint: Consider the protections and limitations provided by the Bill of Rights.*

- A) To limit the powers of the federal government
- B) To guarantee individual freedoms
- C) To establish the Supreme Court
- D) To outline the process of amending the Constitution

**Explain how the system of checks and balances functions to prevent any one branch of government from becoming too powerful.**

*Hint: Think about the mechanisms in place for oversight and control.*

**If a new amendment is proposed, which article outlines the process for its ratification?**

*Hint: Consider the articles that deal with amendments.*

- A) Article IV
- B) Article V
- C) Article VI
- D) Article VII

**In which scenarios can the principle of judicial review be applied? (Select all that apply)**

*Hint: Think about the situations where laws are evaluated against the Constitution.*

- A) When a law contradicts the Constitution
- B) When a state law conflicts with federal law
- C) When the President vetoes a bill
- D) When a case involves foreign treaties

**Provide an example of how federalism allows both state and federal governments to have distinct powers.**

*Hint: Consider the areas where state and federal powers overlap or differ.*

### Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

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**Which principle is primarily demonstrated when Congress overrides a presidential veto?**

*Hint: Think about the balance of power between branches of government.*

- A) Federalism
- B) Popular Sovereignty
- C) Checks and Balances
- D) Limited Government

**Analyze the impact of the 10th Amendment on state power. Which of the following are true? (Select all that apply)**

*Hint: Consider the powers reserved for the states.*

- A) It reserves powers not delegated to the federal government to the states.
- B) It limits the power of the federal government.
- C) It allows states to create their own constitutions.
- D) It grants states the power to regulate interstate commerce.

**Analyze how the Founders' intentions during the ratification debate are reflected in the Constitution's design.**

*Hint: Think about the compromises and principles that shaped the Constitution.*

**Which of the following best represents a limitation of the Articles of Confederation that the Constitution aimed to address?**

*Hint: Consider the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.*

- A) Lack of a national currency
- B) OverpowerING central government
- C) Absence of a Bill of Rights
- D) Excessive taxation by the federal government

**Evaluate the effectiveness of the Constitution as a 'living document.' Which of the following support this view? (Select all that apply)**

*Hint: Consider how the Constitution adapts to changing circumstances.*

- A) The amendment process allows for changes over time.
- B) Judicial interpretations can adapt to new circumstances.
- C) The original text cannot be altered.
- D) The Bill of Rights can be repealed.

**Propose a new amendment to the Constitution that addresses a modern issue. Explain its significance and potential impact.**

*Hint: Think about current societal challenges that could be addressed.*