



# Checks and Balances in the US Constitution - Quiz

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## **Q1. What is the main purpose of the Separation of Powers doctrine in the US Constitution?**

- A. To concentrate power in one branch of government
- B. To ensure no single branch has unchecked power
- C. To give the President ultimate authority
- D. To eliminate the need for a judicial branch

## **Q2. Which article of the US Constitution establishes the legislative branch?**

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

## **Q3. What is the 'Great Compromise' related to?**

- A. The creation of a unicameral legislature
- B. The establishment of a bicameral legislature
- C. The abolition of slavery
- D. The direct election of the President

**Q4. Which branch of government is responsible for interpreting laws?**

- A. Legislative
- B. Executive
- C. Judicial
- D. None of the above

**Q5. What power does the President have regarding laws passed by Congress?**

- A. The President can veto them
- B. The President can rewrite them
- C. The President can ignore them
- D. The President can declare them unconstitutional

**Q6. Which amendment limits the President to two terms?**

- A. 10th Amendment
- B. 20th Amendment
- C. 22nd Amendment
- D. 25th Amendment

**Q7. What does the 17th Amendment change about the Senate?**

- A. It allows state legislatures to appoint Senators
- B. It gives the President power to appoint Senators
- C. It enables direct election of Senators by the people
- D. It abolishes the Senate

**Q8. Which case established the principle of judicial review?**

- A. Brown v. Board of Education
- B. Marbury v. Madison
- C. Roe v. Wade
- D. Dred Scott v. Sandford

**Q9. What is the main function of the executive branch?**

- A. To make laws
- B. To interpret laws
- C. To implement and administer public policy
- D. To declare war

**Q10. Which amendment prevents Congress from giving itself immediate pay raises?**

- A. 16th Amendment
- B. 20th Amendment
- C. 25th Amendment
- D. 27th Amendment

## **Answer Key**

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: C
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: C
8. Q8: B
9. Q9: C
10. Q10: D