



Does Federal Law Override State Law? - Quiz

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Q1. What is the basis for federal law in the United States?

- A. The Declaration of Independence
- B. The United States Constitution
- C. State constitutions
- D. International treaties

Q2. Which clause in the Constitution states that federal law supersedes state law?

- A. The Commerce Clause
- B. The Due Process Clause
- C. The Supremacy Clause
- D. The Equal Protection Clause

Q3. What is an example of a field where federal law exclusively governs?

- A. Education
- B. Currency
- C. Traffic laws
- D. Property taxes

Q4. Which Supreme Court case led to the Preemption Doctrine?

- A. Marbury v. Madison
- B. Brown v. Board of Education
- C. Altria Group v. Good
- D. Roe v. Wade

Q5. What is express preemption?

- A. When Congress includes a preemption clause in a statute
- B. When state laws are automatically invalid
- C. When courts decide preemption on a case-by-case basis
- D. When federal and state laws are identical

Q6. Which of the following is an example of state law prevailing over federal law?

- A. Legalization of recreational marijuana in some states
- B. Federal income tax laws
- C. Immigration policies
- D. Bankruptcy regulations

Q7. What was the Defense of Marriage Act (1996) primarily about?

- A. Legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide
- B. Restricting federal marriage benefits to heterosexual couples
- C. Allowing states to set their own marriage age requirements
- D. Banning same-sex marriage in all states

Q8. Which form of preemption occurs when federal laws cover a field so thoroughly that states cannot alter it?

- A. Express preemption
- B. Implied preemption
- C. Conflict preemption
- D. Field preemption

Q9. When does state law typically prevail over federal law?

- A. When it restricts constitutional rights
- B. When it conflicts with federal immigration laws
- C. When it grants additional liberties without infringing on federal authority
- D. When it regulates interstate commerce

Q10. Which state was the first to legalize same-sex marriage in 2004?

- A. California
- B. New York
- C. Massachusetts
- D. Vermont

Answer Key

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