



Majority Rule, Minority Rights: The Constitution and Court Cases - Quiz

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Q1. What is the main purpose of minority rights in a democracy?

- A. To ensure the majority always gets their way
- B. To protect the minority from oppression by the majority
- C. To allow the minority to rule over the majority
- D. To eliminate the need for a constitution

Q2. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution bans slavery?

- A. The First Amendment
- B. The Thirteenth Amendment
- C. The Fifteenth Amendment
- D. The Fourteenth Amendment

Q3. What does Article V of the U.S. Constitution primarily deal with?

- A. Freedom of speech
- B. The process of amending the Constitution
- C. The rights of states
- D. The election of the President

Q4. In the context of democracy, what is majority rule?

- A. The minority making decisions for the majority
- B. The majority having the power to oppress the minority
- C. The majority determining the outcome of decisions
- D. The elimination of voting rights for the minority

Q5. Which case declared segregation in schools unconstitutional?

- A. Plessy vs. Ferguson
- B. Shaw vs. Reno
- C. Brown vs. Board of Education
- D. Marbury vs. Madison

Q6. What does the First Amendment protect?

- A. The right to bear arms
- B. Freedom of speech and assembly
- C. The right to a fair trial
- D. The right to vote

Q7. What was the outcome of the Plessy vs. Ferguson case?

- A. Segregation was declared illegal
- B. Segregation was allowed if standards were equal
- C. Slavery was abolished
- D. Voting rights were extended to all races

Q8. Which article of the U.S. Constitution states that federal laws outweigh state laws?

- A. Article I
- B. Article V
- C. Article VI
- D. Article II

Q9. What is the significance of the Shaw vs. Reno case?

- A. It ended segregation in schools
- B. It dealt with the drawing of voting districts
- C. It abolished slavery
- D. It protected freedom of speech

Q10. Why is the system of checks and balances important in the U.S. government?

- A. It ensures that one branch cannot dominate the others
- B. It allows the President to make all decisions
- C. It eliminates the need for a constitution
- D. It prevents the majority from ever ruling

Answer Key

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