



What Is the Commerce Clause? - Quiz

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Q1. What does the Commerce Clause grant Congress the power to regulate?

- A. Commerce with foreign Nations, among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes
- B. Only commerce within individual states
- C. Only foreign commerce
- D. Only commerce with Indian Tribes

Q2. Which amendment grants each state the right to self-government?

- A. The First Amendment
- B. The Tenth Amendment
- C. The Fifth Amendment
- D. The Fourteenth Amendment

Q3. What was the primary reason for the creation of the Commerce Clause?

- A. To allow Congress to regulate trade between states and foreign nations
- B. To give states complete control over their commerce
- C. To abolish the slave trade immediately
- D. To prevent any form of interstate trade

Q4. What does the Dormant Commerce Clause refer to?

- A. The explicit prohibition of state legislation affecting commerce
- B. The implicit prohibition of state legislation that discriminates against interstate or international commerce
- C. The complete ban on all forms of commerce
- D. The temporary suspension of the Commerce Clause

Q5. In which case did the Supreme Court find that Congress improperly invoked the Commerce Clause?

- A. Champion v. Ames
- B. United States v. Lopez
- C. Marbury v. Madison
- D. Brown v. Board of Education

Q6. What constitutes 'commerce' under the Commerce Clause?

- A. Only physical goods
- B. Only agricultural products
- C. Trading, selling, conveying, and exchanging goods and people
- D. Only services

Q7. What was the outcome of the Champion v. Ames case?

- A. Congress's use of the Commerce Clause was upheld
- B. The Commerce Clause was declared unconstitutional
- C. Champion was acquitted of all charges
- D. The Federal Lottery Act was repealed

Q8. Why was the Gun-Free School Zones Act challenged?

- A. It was seen as an overreach of the Commerce Clause
- B. It banned all guns in the United States
- C. It only applied to private schools
- D. It was not passed by Congress

Q9. What is a common criticism of the Commerce Clause?

- A. It gives too much power to state governments
- B. It gives Congress too much authority to intervene in state commerce
- C. It is rarely used by Congress
- D. It only applies to foreign commerce

Q10. What is the primary objective of Congress when invoking the Commerce Clause?

- A. To permanently take over state governments
- B. To protect the U.S. economy and its citizens
- C. To abolish all forms of commerce
- D. To favor one state over another

Answer Key

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