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1. The members of Congress are considering passing a law lowering the speed limit on highways. You do not think this is a good law. As a citizen, what would be the most effective action you could take?

- A. Write to your mayor and tell him/her your views.
- B. Contact the head of the highway department and tell him/her your views.
- C. Write to your city council and tell them your views.
- D. Contact your members of Congress and tell them your views.

2. Which of the following is ONE responsibility of a good citizen?

- A. owning a house
- B. obeying the laws
- C. raising a family
- D. attending a college

3. The right of people to publish newspapers, magazines, and books is protected in the Bill of Rights. Which of the following is an example of freedom of the press?

- A. People can travel freely from one state to another.
- B. People can choose whether or not they want to vote.
- C. People can gather in groups to protest high food prices.
- D. People can write articles criticizing the government.

4. Who in the U.S. government has the power to override vetoes?

- A. the president
- B. the Congress
- C. the cabinet
- D. the Supreme Court

5. During the Vietnam War, many people gathered in Washington, D.C., to protest the war. This was an example of

- A. freedom of the press.
- B. freedom of assembly.
- C. freedom of religion.
- D. freedom of petition.

6. The President of the United States represents which branch of government?

- A. legislative
 - B. executive
 - C. judicial
 - D. international
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7. The Bill of Rights lists certain basic freedoms guaranteed to Americans. One is freedom of the press. Which is an example of freedom of the press?

- A. Mary writes articles in the paper about city government.
 - B. Brenda moves to another city.
 - C. Blake helps in a clean-up campaign.
 - D. Jose attends one of the state universities.
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Francis Scott Key wrote the words to a poem that became our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." Some of the words to that poem are as follows:

"Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming. . ."

What did Key mean by these words?

- A. Key saw the American flag still flying over Ft. McHenry after the British attack.
 - B. Key saw the fireworks over the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor.
 - C. Key saw the British being defeated at the Battle of New Orleans.
 - D. Key saw the celebration over the signing of the Declaration.
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9. The Bill of Rights contains certain basic freedoms guaranteed to Americans. One is freedom of speech. Which of the following is an example of freedom of speech?

- A. John can voice his opinions about which presidential candidate he supports.
 - B. May can decide if she would like to attend a church this weekend.
 - C. Carlos can join a march against placing a road through the park.
 - D. Misti can read an article in the newspaper that discusses waste in government.
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10. Who serves as the head of the executive branch of the United States government?

- A. the House
- B. the Senate
- C. the President
- D. the Attorney General

Answer Key

1. D) Contact your members of Congress and tell them your views.
2. B) obeying the laws
3. D) People can write articles criticizing the government.
4. B) the Congress
5. B) freedom of assembly.
6. B) executive
7. A) Mary writes articles in the paper about city government.
8. A) Key saw the American flag still flying over Ft. McHenry after the British attack.
9. A) John can voice his opinions about which presidential candidate he supports.
10. C) the President