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1. Federalism is the division of powers between the different levels of government—national, state, and local. The part of government at the state level that makes the laws is the

- A. legislature.
- B. governor.
- C. state court.
- D. governor's cabinet.

2. The Congress of the United States can override the veto of the President. This example of checks and balances shows the

- A. legislative branch checking the judicial branch.
- B. judicial branch checking the legislative branch.
- C. executive branch checking the judicial branch.
- D. legislative branch checking the executive branch.

3. Which of the following is the BEST example of good citizenship?

- A. going to college
- B. obeying the speed limit
- C. owning a new car
- D. living in a house

4. The United States government is divided into three branches—executive, legislative, and judicial. Each branch can check the other branches to keep them balanced. Which of the following is an example of a legislative check over the executive branch?

- A. The president vetoes a bill from Congress.
- B. The Congress overrides the president's veto.
- C. The Congress states that a law is unconstitutional.
- D. The Supreme Court states that a law is unconstitutional.

5. 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.
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6. The Congress of the United States represents which branch of government?

- A. judicial
 - B. international
 - C. legislative
 - D. executive
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7. The United States government is divided into three branches—executive, legislative, and judicial. The main job of the executive branch is to

- A. carry out the laws.
 - B. make the laws.
 - C. decide the meaning of laws.
 - D. write and file the laws.
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8. The United States government is divided into three branches—executive, legislative, and judicial. The main job of the judicial branch is to

- A. decide the meaning of laws.
 - B. write and file laws.
 - C. carry out the laws.
 - D. make the laws.
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9. In the 1970s, gas prices in the United States went up. The federal government decided to pass a law to lower the amount of gas used. People were required to

- A. drive only small cars.
 - B. walk or ride a bus to school and work.
 - C. drive slower with lower speed limits.
 - D. purchase and use electric cars.
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10. 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

Answer Key

1. A) legislature.
2. D) legislative branch checking the executive branch.
3. B) obeying the speed limit
4. B) The Congress overrides the president's veto.
5. D) Contact your members of Congress and tell them your views.
6. C) legislative
7. A) carry out the laws.
8. A) decide the meaning of laws.
9. C) drive slower with lower speed limits.
10. B) obeying the laws