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1. The school has rules about students leaving before the end of the school day. Which of the following is an example of a student following rules?

- A. Terry leaves the school early and simply walks out the door.
- B. Terry tells a friend that she is leaving the school early that day.
- C. Terry has a doctor's appointment and signs out in the office.
- D. Terry writes a note saying she is leaving early and gives it to a friend.

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

- A. legislative
- B. executive
- C. judicial
- D. international

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3. Which document is an addition to the U.S. Constitution that gives people many personal freedoms?

- A. Bill of Rights
- B. Gettysburg Address
- C. Emancipation Proclamation
- D. Declaration of Independence

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4. 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.

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5. The Constitution of the United States was drafted (made) in 1787 and sent to the states for approval. What was the purpose of the Constitution?

- A. to declare independence from Great Britain
  - B. to create a plan for government
  - C. to form an alliance with France
  - D. to end the fighting with Native Americans
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6. Members of the state legislature are thinking about raising the driving age. Some people are not in favor of this change. Which of the following would be the MOST effective action they could take?

- A. contact the person in charge of the state police
  - B. write a letter to members of their city council
  - C. contact members of the state legislature
  - D. write a letter to their United States Senator
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7. The president of the United States is the head of the executive branch of government. There is a group of people, including the secretary of state and the secretary of defense, who give the president advice. What is this group called?

- A. Senate
  - B. court of appeals
  - C. cabinet
  - D. House of Representatives
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8. Citizens are expected to be involved in their community. Which of the following would be the BEST example of serving your community?

- A. picking up litter in the park
  - B. riding a bike
  - C. taking your dog for a walk
  - D. going to a movie
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9. The President of the United States vetoes a bill from Congress. This example of checks and balances shows the

- A. judicial branch checking the legislative branch.
  - B. executive branch checking the legislative branch.
  - C. judicial branch checking the executive branch.
  - D. legislative branch checking the judicial branch.
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10. The Congress of the United States is divided into two chambers (houses)—the Senate and the House of Representatives. The number of senators from each state is

- A. the same for each state—five.
- B. based on the size of each state.
- C. the same for each state—two.
- D. based on the population of each state.

**Answer Key**

1. C) Terry has a doctor's appointment and signs out in the office.
2. B) executive
3. A) Bill of Rights
4. A) legislature.
5. B) to create a plan for government
6. C) contact members of the state legislature
7. C) cabinet
8. A) picking up litter in the park
9. B) executive branch checking the legislative branch.
10. C) the same for each state—two.