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1. The government of the United States guarantees citizens certain rights and offers certain privileges. Which of these is the BEST example of a privilege that the government offers?

- A. getting a driver's license
 - B. going to college
 - C. having a job
 - D. owning a home
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2. Why is democracy referred to as self-government?

- A. The government runs itself.
 - B. People pay for the government themselves.
 - C. People choose representatives who make decisions.
 - D. The citizens are free to do whatever they want.
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3. There are governments in the United States at the local, state, and national levels. The elected officials in these governments are MOST directly responsible to the

- A. president.
 - B. legislature.
 - C. people.
 - D. courts.
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4. Citizen participation is an important part of self-government. Which of the following is an example of citizen participation in government?

- A. attending a school
 - B. driving a car
 - C. owning a business
 - D. running for elected office
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5. Which of the following is a basic responsibility of citizens living in the United States?

- A. getting a driver's license
 - B. earning as much money as possible
 - C. paying income taxes
 - D. running for political office
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6. The Constitution of the United States divides the government into branches and provides for a system of checks and balances. The Supreme Court can "check" the executive branch by

- A. overriding a veto by the president on a bill.
 - B. approving an appointment to the cabinet.
 - C. declaring war on an enemy of the United States.
 - D. deciding that an act by the president is unconstitutional.
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7. Citizens can be involved in the political process. What is the BEST way to help get a candidate elected to office?

- A. refuse to vote
 - B. organize a protest
 - C. work on the candidate's campaign
 - D. read information about the candidate
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8. Your parents want to support a person who is running for mayor. There are a number of ways that they can support a candidate. All of the following are appropriate actions EXCEPT

- A. passing out materials supporting the candidate.
 - B. replacing the opponent's signs with their candidate's signs.
 - C. voting for their candidate in the election.
 - D. giving money to their candidate's campaign.
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Use the list below to answer this question.

- decide that a federal law is unconstitutional
- decide that an act by the president is unconstitutional
- decide that a treaty is unconstitutional

These are powers that belong to members of one branch of our national government. They belong to

- A. senators and representatives.
 - B. the president and the cabinet.
 - C. ambassadors and consuls.
 - D. the justices of the Supreme Court.
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10. The local government is planning on building a new road in your town. You and others are not in favor of this road. What is the BEST way your group, acting as good citizens, could get the government to change its plans?

- A. get citizens to agree not to use the road when it is built
- B. vote next year against leaders who wanted the road
- C. get citizens to sign a petition opposing the road
- D. write letters to your senators in Washington

Answer Key

1. A) getting a driver's license
2. C) People choose representatives who make decisions.
3. C) people.
4. D) running for elected office
5. C) paying income taxes
6. D) deciding that an act by the president is unconstitutional.
7. C) work on the candidate's campaign
8. B) replacing the opponent's signs with their candidate's signs.
9. D) the justices of the Supreme Court.
10. C) get citizens to sign a petition opposing the road