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1. The national government of the United States is divided into three branches. These branches are

- A. federal, state, and local.
 - B. international, federal, and local.
 - C. interstate, state, and intrastate.
 - D. executive, legislative, and judicial.
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2. People run for office, get elected, and fill many positions in government. Which of the following is true about running for office?

- A. A candidate must prove that he or she has always voted.
 - B. A candidate must meet certain requirements.
 - C. A candidate must have the support of the newspapers.
 - D. A candidate must be a member of the Democratic party.
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3. Which is an example of citizens being involved in the political process?

- A. running for an elected office
 - B. starting a new business
 - C. sending their children to school
 - D. learning more about history
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4. 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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5. Many government officials are elected by the people. What can a citizen do if he believes that an elected official is not doing a good job?

- A. not pay them their salary
 - B. impeach and remove them from office
 - C. not vote for them if they run again
 - D. force them to resign from office
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6. One of the most important rights and privileges for United States citizens is voting. How could voting lead to political change?

- A. Voting raises money for the government.
 - B. Voting ensures that people belong to a political party.
 - C. Voting keeps the same people in office for life.
 - D. Voting leads to putting new and different people in office.
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7. The United States government is divided into three separate parts to make sure that the

- A. Senate has more power than the House of Representatives.
 - B. president of the United States has the final say in all matters.
 - C. executive, legislative, and judicial branches share the power.
 - D. federal, state, and local governments work together.
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8. There are times when citizens of the United States might not agree with a decision made by the government. What is one way citizens can take part in our political system to try and make changes?

- A. becoming teachers
 - B. organizing a protest
 - C. buying American goods
 - D. not voting in an election
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9. The mayor of your town wants to build a road through a town park. You and your parents are against this plan. Which one of the following actions would NOT be an example of effective civic participation?

- A. Your parents decide not to vote in the next election.
 - B. You could get your friends to make signs for a protest.
 - C. You and your parents could be in a protest against the road.
 - D. Your parents could vote against the mayor in the next election.
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10. 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.

Answer Key

1. D) executive, legislative, and judicial.
2. B) A candidate must meet certain requirements.
3. A) running for an elected office
4. B) replacing the opponent's signs with their candidate's signs.
5. C) not vote for them if they run again
6. D) Voting leads to putting new and different people in office.
7. C) executive, legislative, and judicial branches share the power.
8. B) organizing a protest
9. A) Your parents decide not to vote in the next election.
10. C) People choose representatives who make decisions.