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1. Which of the following is an example of participation in the political process?

- A. saving money to pay for a college education
 - B. moving to a different state for a better job
 - C. volunteering to take meals to the elderly
 - D. handing out campaign materials for a candidate
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2. United States senators and representatives hold positions in our national government. Which branch of government do they represent?

- A. executive
 - B. international
 - C. legislative
 - D. judicial
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3. Which of these is a requirement to vote in the United States?

- A. You must be able to drive.
 - B. You must be in the United States.
 - C. You must be over age twenty-one.
 - D. You must be a United States citizen.
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4. Your class has been learning about pollution. One problem is that places are running out of space to store garbage. Which of the following would be an example of civic participation to solve the problem?

- A. You and your friends visit the town's landfill.
 - B. You write a report about the garbage problem for class.
 - C. You volunteer to take the garbage to the street.
 - D. You and your class start a school recycling program.
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5. One of the most important rights and privileges for citizens of the United States is voting. Why is voting so important?

- A. Citizens who vote do not have to pay as many taxes.
 - B. It gives citizens the right to decide if they will obey a law.
 - C. Citizens who do not vote are breaking the law.
 - D. It gives citizens the right to choose people to represent them.
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6. How might a bill that passes in Congress be defeated?

- A. The Senate vetoes it.
- B. The president vetoes it.
- C. The public vetoes it.
- D. The states veto it.

7. The United States government is divided into three branches. The President of the United States is part of which branch?

- A. judicial
 - B. executive
 - C. legislative
 - D. international
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8. Often citizens will get other citizens to sign statements supporting issues or changes. This form of citizen involvement is called

- A. organizing protests.
 - B. running for office.
 - C. working in a campaign.
 - D. getting petitions.
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9. Citizens can get involved in the political system in a number of ways. One way is to organize a peaceful protest outside a government office. Which of the following best explains the purpose of a peaceful protest?

- A. to hold signs and walk with others in a picket line
 - B. to be photographed and appear on the evening news
 - C. to stop anyone from entering or leaving the government office
 - D. to try and get the government to make changes
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10. 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

Answer Key

1. D) handing out campaign materials for a candidate
2. C) legislative
3. D) You must be a United States citizen.
4. D) You and your class start a school recycling program.
5. D) It gives citizens the right to choose people to represent them.
6. B) The president vetoes it.
7. B) executive
8. D) getting petitions.
9. D) to try and get the government to make changes
10. C) not vote for them if they run again