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1. 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

2. The Constitution of the United States divides the powers of the government among three branches. It also provides a way for each branch to check (control) and balance the other branches. Which of the following is an example of checks and balances?

- A. The President vetoes a bill; Congress overrides the veto.
- B. The national government gives money to the states for school lunches.
- C. The president signs a treaty limiting nuclear weapons.
- D. The national government works with state governments to build roads.

3. Throughout the history of the United States, there have been many times when people have organized protests. Why do people organize protests?

- A. to sell things to the public
- B. to be liked by friends and family
- C. to be arrested by the police and go to jail
- D. to try and change decisions made by government

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.

5. Your town has had an increase in the number of dogs roaming the town and destroying property. Some people want to ban dogs from the town. You like dogs. Which of the following would be an example of civic participation?

- A. You do not take any action, because you do not think it is a problem.
 - B. You get your friends together and take your dogs for a walk.
 - C. You go to a class where people are taught animal control and safety rules for dogs.
 - D. You keep your dog fenced in your yard.
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6. 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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7. Every day your town throws away lots of plastic bottles. What can you do to show better citizenship?

- A. take the trash to an incinerator
 - B. support a recycling center
 - C. take the trash to the next town
 - D. use a larger trash receptacle
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8. 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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9. 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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10. Many people are involved in political campaigns. What is the goal of most people who work on political campaigns?

- A. to get themselves elected
- B. to get their candidate elected
- C. to have the president notice them
- D. to gain the right to vote

Answer Key

1. B) executive
2. A) The President vetoes a bill; Congress overrides the veto.
3. D) to try and change decisions made by government
4. D) You and your class start a school recycling program.
5. C) You go to a class where people are taught animal control and safety rules for dogs.
6. D) It gives citizens the right to choose people to represent them.
7. B) support a recycling center
8. B) A candidate must meet certain requirements.
9. C) not vote for them if they run again
10. B) to get their candidate elected