

SECTION QUIZ 6-1



How Congress Is Organized

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item in Column A with an item in Column B. Write the correct letter in each blank. (10 points each)

Column A

- _____ 1. a person represented by a member of Congress
- _____ 2. an oddly shaped district designed to increase the voting strength of a particular group
- _____ 3. population count
- _____ 4. permanent group that deals with a specific topic
- _____ 5. political party to which more than half the members of the House and Senate belong

Column B

- A. constituent
- B. majority party
- C. standing committee
- D. census
- E. gerrymander

DIRECTIONS: Short Answer Answer each question in the space provided. (10 points each)

6. Which members of the Senate are the most powerful?

7. Why are select committees formed?

8. What are three main differences between the House and the Senate?

9. Why is the Speaker of the House considered the most powerful House member?

10. What arguments have been made for and against the seniority system?

SECTION QUIZ 6-2

Score

Powers of Congress

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item in Column A with an item in Column B. Write the correct letter in each blank. (10 points each)

Column A

- _____ 1. allows Congress to do whatever is "necessary and proper" to carry out its expressed powers
- _____ 2. accuse officials of misconduct in office
- _____ 3. court order requiring police to explain why they are holding a prisoner
- _____ 4. laws that punish a person without a jury trial
- _____ 5. laws that make an act a crime after the act has been committed

Column B

- A. bills of attainder
- B. ex post facto laws
- C. writ of habeas corpus
- D. elastic clause
- E. impeach

DIRECTIONS: Short Answer Answer the following questions in the space provided. (10 points each)

6. Which two presidents have been impeached by the House?

7. What are three of Congress's most important legislative powers?

8. What is the difference between an expressed power and an implied power?

9. Describe the Senate's approval power.

10. List three powers that Article I of the Constitution denies Congress.

SECTION QUIZ 6-3

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Representing the People

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item in Column A with an item in Column B. Write the correct letter in each blank. (10 points each)

Column A

- _____ 1. helping a constituent deal with the federal government
- _____ 2. the benefit of sending work-related mail free of charge
- _____ 3. government activity that benefits the home district or state
- _____ 4. people hired by private groups to influence government decision makers
- _____ 5. legal protection

Column B

- A. franking privilege
- B. lobbyists
- C. casework
- D. pork-barrel project
- E. immunity

DIRECTIONS: Short Answer Answer each question in the space provided. (10 points each)

6. Which agency provides Congress with information for making budgetary decisions?

7. What is the basic job of senators and representatives?

8. List the qualifications for members of the House of Representatives.

9. Describe the work performed by the personal staff of members of Congress.

10. How do members of Congress handle casework?

SECTION QUIZ 6-4

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How a Bill Becomes a Law

DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item in Column A with an item in Column B. Write the correct letter in each blank. (10 points each)

Column A

- _____ 1. killing a bill by ignoring it for 10 days after Congress has adjourned
- _____ 2. a way to delay a vote on a measure before the Senate
- _____ 3. refuse to sign a bill
- _____ 4. organizations made of people with common interests
- _____ 5. formal statements that are passed by both houses of Congress to express opinions or decisions

Column B

- A. joint resolutions
- B. special-interest groups
- C. filibuster
- D. veto
- E. pocket veto

DIRECTIONS: Short Answer Answer each question in the space provided. (10 points each)

6. List three possible sources of proposed laws.

7. What are riders?

8. Why is the House Rules Committee considered one of the most powerful committees in Congress?

9. What is the purpose of a conference committee?

10. What options does a standing committee have when considering a bill's fate?
