

Branches of government

Sample test (not for a grade; just for practice!)

Directions: Read each of the following choices. Please circle the **best** answer choice.

1. Which of the following is a job that Congress is **NOT** allowed to do?
 - a. Using judicial review
 - b. Printing money
 - c. Overriding a veto
 - d. Declaring war

2. Which of the following scenarios (situations) would require judicial review to be used?
 - a. Congress passes a law that would honor American veterans
 - b. The President moves the American military out of South Korea.
 - c. People accused of rebelling against the U.S. are not allowed to have a court trial.
 - d. A law is passed which states that hunting for elk is allowed in certain times of the year.

3. Which of the following would probably **NOT** be a reason why the President would make a treaty with another nation?
 - a. He would want to make a stronger relationship with that country.
 - b. He would want that country to get along better with the United States.
 - c. He would want to encourage cooperation between the two countries.
 - d. He would want to replace laws of those country with American laws.

4. Which of the following would NOT be a result of the President being Commander-in-chief of the military?
 - a. He would be the boss of the military.
 - b. He would declare war on another country if they attacked us.
 - c. He would make military plans with his generals.
 - d. He would honor American soldiers for their bravery.

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5. Which of the following would be true concerning impeachment?
- a. The power of impeachment is held by the judicial branch.
 - b. Impeachment cannot be done to a Supreme Court justice, but only to the President.
 - c. If someone is impeached, they are then removed from their position.
 - d. Impeachment is the process where a government official has accusations brought against them.

6. Which of the following would NOT be a true statement concerning the branches of government?
- a. The main job of the legislative branch is to declare war.
 - b. The main job of the judicial branch is to interpret the laws.
 - c. Congress is made up of the House of Representatives and the Senate
 - d. A power that the President has is to pardon.

****Note:** For questions 7-8, please choose the branch of government who is able to respond to the situation that is given along with their appropriate power.

7. The Supreme Court decides a court case that the President and Congress very much disagree with.
- a. The executive branch fires two members of the Supreme Court.
 - b. The legislative branch impeaches two members of the Supreme Court.
 - c. The legislative branch overrides the decision of the Supreme Court.
 - d. None of the above
8. The executive branch has denied a bill that the legislative branch wants to pass into law.
- a. The legislative branch can override the decision of the executive branch.
 - b. There is nothing that can be done about this.
 - c. The legislative branch impeaches the President.
 - d. The judicial branch uses their power of judicial review.

9. Which of the following would be the most likely result if the system of checks and balances were NOT a part of how government functions?
- a. All of the United States would be thrown into utter chaos and confusion.
 - b. There would be less government jobs available.
 - c. There would not be a President of the United States.
 - d. There would be too much power in the hands of one person or group.