

Student Affairs Constitution Day Quiz

Due: September 23, 2011
Anderson Technical Building (ATB), room 204

1. Based upon Amendment Twenty-Two of the Constitution, no person can be elected to the office of President more than twice or serve more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President. Therefore, the total length of time that any person could serve as President is how many years?

2. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in what body of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives? Thus, the function of this body is to legislate or make the laws.

3. What article was in effect from 1781-1789? It was based on the concept of a weak central government because of the experience we had under the strong influence of Great Britain. This constitution was our first written plan of government and was based on an opposition to a strong central government, strong executive, taxation and the power to control trade.

4. This is guaranteed to every person in the United States based on the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation." What else does the Sixth Amendment state?

5. This constitutional right is found in the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution: "No person shall...be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." Explain how the article addresses serving as a self-witness.

6. If neither the President nor the Vice President can serve, the position would be filled by?

7. What was the first cabinet position created by President George Washington in 1789 to deal with foreign countries?

8. The person having the greatest number of votes shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of what votes?

9. Who was the first Vice President of the United States?

10. There was a concern when the Constitution was written in 1787, that the federal government would be too powerful. The Bill of Rights was added in 1791 to put a check on the power of the national government and to protect the individual rights of all Americans. It is known as?
