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**FIFTH GRADE-SOCIAL STUDIES (SS5\_2)**

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1. The United States government is divided into three branches. Which one is represented by the Supreme Court of the United States?
    - A. international
    - B. legislative
    - C. judicial
    - D. executive

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  2. The United States government is divided into three separate parts to make sure that the
    - A. Senate has more power than the House of Representatives.
    - B. president of the United States has the final say in all matters.
    - C. executive, legislative, and judicial branches share the power.
    - D. federal, state, and local governments work together.

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  3. Citizen participation is an important part of self-government. Which of the following is an example of citizen participation in government?
    - A. attending a school
    - B. driving a car
    - C. owning a business
    - D. running for elected office

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  4. The government of the United States guarantees citizens certain rights and offers certain privileges. Which of these is the BEST example of a privilege that the government offers?
    - A. getting a driver's license
    - B. going to college
    - C. having a job
    - D. owning a home

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  5. 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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6. Each branch of the national government of the United States includes different positions. The head of the executive branch of government is the

- A. Attorney General.
  - B. president.
  - C. chief justice.
  - D. Speaker of the House.
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7. Why is democracy referred to as self-government?

- A. The government runs itself.
  - B. People pay for the government themselves.
  - C. People choose representatives who make decisions.
  - D. The citizens are free to do whatever they want.
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8. 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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9. Citizens can be involved in the political process. What is the BEST way to help get a candidate elected to office?

- A. refuse to vote
  - B. organize a protest
  - C. work on the candidate's campaign
  - D. read information about the candidate
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10. Each branch of our national government includes different positions. The judicial branch of government includes the

- A. Senators and Representatives.
  - B. Chief of the Armed Forces.
  - C. Speaker of the House.
  - D. Chief Justice.
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11. 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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12. 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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13. 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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14. 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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15. Which is an example of citizens being involved in the political process?

- A. running for an elected office
  - B. starting a new business
  - C. sending their children to school
  - D. learning more about history
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16. The national government of the United States is divided into three branches. These branches are

- A. federal, state, and local.
  - B. international, federal, and local.
  - C. interstate, state, and intrastate.
  - D. executive, legislative, and judicial.
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17. The United States government is divided into three branches—executive, legislative, and judicial. Why was this done?

- A. to make sure that citizens elect the best possible candidates
  - B. to make sure that one branch does not gain too much power
  - C. to let citizens participate in the direct election of officials
  - D. to allow the federal government to control the state governments
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18. There are governments in the United States at the local, state, and national levels. The elected officials in these governments are MOST directly responsible to the

- A. president.
  - B. legislature.
  - C. people.
  - D. courts.
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19. 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.
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20. People have to follow rules at home, at school, at work, and in the community. A person is expected to be at work on time. If this person is ill and cannot be at work that day, what would be the MOST appropriate action for him to take?

- A. This person should call his employer explaining why he cannot be at work.
  - B. This person should contact a friend to state that he is not going to work.
  - C. This person should write a letter to his employer explaining why he cannot be at work.
  - D. This person should explain why he missed work when he goes to work the next day.
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21. There are many laws that might not be popular with all Americans, but most Americans support them. Why is this important?

- A. to limit the power of the government
  - B. to keep the government strong
  - C. to encourage more people to live here
  - D. to protect the common good
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22. Which of the following is a basic responsibility of citizens living in the United States?

- A. getting a driver's license
  - B. earning as much money as possible
  - C. paying income taxes
  - D. running for political office
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23. In the United States, the government's powers are divided between the three branches. Which branch is responsible for deciding what the laws mean?

- A. the judicial branch
  - B. the legislative branch
  - C. the international branch
  - D. the executive branch
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24. The United States Constitution divides the national government into three

branches, and includes a system of checks and balances. What is the purpose of dividing the government and having checks and balances?

- A. to carry out the laws passed by Congress and the President
  - B. to settle differences about the meaning of the laws
  - C. to approve bills before they go to the President
  - D. to keep one branch from becoming more powerful than the other two
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25. 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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(Answer Key)

- 1. judicial
- 2. executive, legislative, and judicial branches share the power.
- 3. running for elected office
- 4. getting a driver's license
- 5. executive
- 6. president.
- 7. People choose representatives who make decisions.
- 8. You must be a United States citizen.
- 9. work on the candidate's campaign
- 10. Chief Justice.
- 11. You go to a class where people are taught animal control and safety rules for dogs.
- 12. getting petitions.
- 13. legislative
- 14. to try and get the government to make changes
- 15. running for an elected office
- 16. executive, legislative, and judicial.
- 17. to make sure that one branch does not gain too much power
- 18. people.
- 19. The president vetoes it.

20. This person should call his employer explaining why he cannot be at work.
21. to protect the common good
22. paying income taxes
23. the judicial branch
24. to keep one branch from becoming more powerful than the other two
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