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**Seventh Grade Civics-Chapter Three Section Three**

**True/False**

*Indicate whether the statement is true or false.*

\_\_\_\_ 1. The president can influence change in the Constitution.

\_\_\_\_ 2. There have only been twenty-seven amendments to the Constitution proposed.

\_\_\_\_ 3. In 1787, the Constitution included a bill of rights.

\_\_\_\_ 4. There are seven Articles to the Constitution.

**Other**

**IDENTIFYING KEY TERMS**

*Please provide a definition for each of the following.*

5. impeach

6. preamble

7. amendment

8. income tax

**Multiple Choice**

*Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

**MAIN IDEAS**

\_\_\_\_ 9. With the words, "We the People," the Constitution establishes its authority on the basis of

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| a. | popular sovereignty. |
| b. | the rule of law. |
| c. | the separation of powers. |
| d. | limited government. |

\_\_\_\_ 10. Which statement about the Bill of Rights is NOT true?

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| a. | The amendments arose from the controversy over ratification of the Constitution. |
| b. | The amendments were ratified at the same time as the Constitution. |
| c. | The amendments guarantee such basic rights as freedom of expression and fair and equal treatment before the law. |
| d. | The amendments are the first ten of the Constitution. |

\_\_\_\_ 11. Changes to the Constitution by means other than formal amendment

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| a. | involve changing the written words of the Constitution. |
| b. | have occurred very rarely in the past 200 years. |
| c. | can occur only with the approval of the States. |
| d. | result from the daily experiences of government. |

\_\_\_\_ 12. Which of the following constitutional changes was a result of party practices?

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| a. | the use of the electoral college as a "rubber stamp" for the popular vote |
| b. | the revised structure of the federal court system |
| c. | executive agreement |
| d. | the practice of senatorial courtesy |

\_\_\_\_ 13. Which of the following is the subject of a constitutional amendment?

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| a. | the prohibition of alcohol |
| b. | repeal of a previous amendment |
| c. | presidential term limits |
| d. | all of the above |

\_\_\_\_ 14. Which of the following accounts for the ability of the Constitution to endure for more than 200 years?

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| a. | built-in provisions for accommodating change |
| b. | detailed provisions that anticipated changing customs |
| c. | very specific language that limits reinterpretation |
| d. | inflexible provisions designed to resist change |

\_\_\_\_ 15. Which of the following is NOT true of the Constitution?

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| a. | It sets guidelines within which the government must operate. |
| b. | It is open to interpretation. |
| c. | It has not been changed in 50 years. |
| d. | It is the highest form of law in the United States. |

\_\_\_\_ 16. Which of the following describes the avenue by which the Supreme Court can shape the Constitution?

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| a. | by proposing a constitutional amendment |
| b. | by exerting influence on political parties |
| c. | by deciding what the words of the Constitution mean in practice |
| d. | by voting in federal elections |

\_\_\_\_ 17. The branch of the government that is headed by the president is called the

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| a. | legislative branch. | c. | executive branch. |
| b. | judicial branch. | d. | constitutional branch. |

\_\_\_\_ 18. The branch of the government that deals with the court system is called the

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| a. | legislative branch. | c. | executive branch. |
| b. | judicial branch. | d. | constitutional branch. |