Review Worksheet for the Three Branches of Government

Vocabulary:

Wordbank: adjourn, bill, cabinet, census, elastic clause, habeas corpus, impeachment, judicial review, override, pocket veto, veto

1. When a house of Congress ends its session, it is said to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. When a judge issues an order which requires authorities to present a prisoner for trial, he has issued a writ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. If charges of misconduct are brought against a government official, it is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. One of the powers the Congress has is to make laws that are flexible to the times. This is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. An official count of population done every ten years is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. A proposal to become a law is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. If the President takes no action on a bill within ten days and Congress ends it session within that time, it is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. A President shows his disapproval for a bill by sending it back to Congress unsigned with reasons for his disapproval. This is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. If a bill is sent back to Congress without signature and reasons for disapproval, Congress can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the President’s disapproval. What fraction of Congress must approve the bill to make it a law in this case? \_\_\_\_\_\_
10. Official department advisors to the President such as the Secretary of State, etc., are collectively called the President’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. The Supreme Court has the power of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which means that it can declare a law unconstitutional.

Miscellaneous questions:

12. What group of people actually elect the President? And explain how the number of electors is determined for each state?

13. The three branches of government are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Use L, E, and J and match the branch to its roles.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a. Declares war \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b. Makes treaties with other countries

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ c. Appoints judges and gov’t officials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ d. Interprets the laws

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ e. Sets weights and measure standards \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ f. Holds impeachment hearings

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ g. Commander-in-chief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ h. Borrows money and sets tax rates

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ i. Regulates overseas and interstate trade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ j. In charge of the postal service

14. In a paragraph, explain the eight steps on how a bill becomes a law. (I, C, F, JCC, F, P choices, F)

The first three articles of the Constitution pertain to the (1.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ branches of federal government. Article I deals with the (2.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ branch of government which is the lawmaking body of the United States. According to Article I, lawmaking is granted to the (3.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which is made up of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. There are a total of (4.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Senators because each state has (5.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ senators to represent them. The term of office of a U.S. Senator is (6.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ years. In order to be a **U.S. Senator**, you must be at least (7.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ years old, a resident of the state, and a U.S. citizen for (8.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ years. The leader of the U.S. Senate is the (9.) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When **#9** is not present in the Senate, the president (10.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is in charge. To be a **member of the House of Representatives**, one must be at least (11.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ years old, a resident of the state, and a U.S. citizen for (12.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ years. There are a total of (13.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ congressmen in the House of Representatives. Each congressman is elected to a (14.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ year term. The **leader** of the House of Representatives is called the (15.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The number of representatives a state has in the House of Representatives depends on that state’s (16.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in comparison to other states.

Article II discusses the organization of the (17.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ branch of government. At the head of this branch which carries out the laws is the (18.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He is elected to a term of (19.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ years. According to the (20.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment, he can be elected to two full terms, but cannot serve more than a total of (21.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ years. He is advised in his decisions by a group of secretaries of major departments such as Defense, State, etc. His advisors are called his (22.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In order to be “chief of state” of the U.S., one must be (23.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ years old, be a (24.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ citizen, and a resident of the US for at least (24.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

The third branch of government is discussed in Article (25.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Constitution. It is called the (26.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ branch. Article III, Section 1, places judicial power in one (27.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which is the **highest court** in the land. By tradition, there are (28.) \_\_\_\_\_\_ total justices in this group of judges. The **most important judge** is called the (29.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the United States. The length of term of service for a federal judge is (30.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Wordbank: Answer can be used once, more than once, or not at all.**

cabinet Chief Justice Closet Congress

Council of Nine executive 4 435

14 I II III

judicial legislative life native-born

naturalized nine 100 150

Parliament population President pro tempore

seven six Secretary of State Speaker of the House Supreme Court 10 30 35

3 20 20th 25

22nd 2Vice President

Extra Credit Question:

What song is played to honor the President of the United States at important functions? (Official song)

**REVIEW: FIRST TEN AMENDMENTS**

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**MULTIPLE CHOICE: Circle the letter of the amendment that applies.**

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A. Fifth B. Seventh C. Sixth

4. Freedom against illegal searches and seizures

A. Second B. Fourth C. Seventh

5. The government cannot quarter soldiers in civilian houses.

A. Second B. Fifth C. Third

6. No excessive bail or fine can be given

A. Eighth B. Seventh C. Ninth

7. Powers not specifically given to the federal government are reserved to the states.

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8. Not all rights that a person possesses may be found in the Constitution (privacy).

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9. Being tried twice for the same crime is illegal.

A. Fifth B. Sixth C. Fourth

10. Right to bear arms shall not be infringed.

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