

Florida Civics Literacy Exam Answers

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1. Which principle is reflected in the passage?

The interpretation of the laws is the proper and peculiar province of the courts. A constitution is in fact, and must be, regarded by the judges as a fundamental law. It therefore belongs to them to ascertain its meaning as well as the meaning of any particular act proceeding from the legislative body. (from Federalist No. 78 by Alexander Hamilton)

- (A) judicial activism
- (B) judicial restraint
- (C) judicial review
- (D) judicial supremacy

2. Which presidential action was President Eisenhower referring to in the speech?

The given passage was included in a presidential speech. If the use of local police powers had been sufficient, our traditional method of leaving the problems in those hands would have been pursued. But when large gatherings of obstructionists made it impossible for the decrees of the Court to be carried out, both the law and the national interest demanded that the President take action.

- (A) the decision to overturn the results of a state election
- (B) the decision to declare war on a foreign nation
- (C) the decision to enforce a judicial ruling
- (D) the decision to desegregate the military

3. Which phrase from an 1802 letter written by President Thomas Jefferson reflects a freedom in the Bill of Rights?

- (A) building a wall of separation between Church & State
- (B) the legitimate powers of government reach actions only
- (C) Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation
- (D) my duties dictate a faithful and zealous pursuit of the interests of my constituents

4. Which term refers to government protection from discrimination based on categories such as race, sex, and disability?

- (A) popular sovereignty
 - (B) natural rights
 - (C) due process
 - (D) civil rights
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5. Which segment of the population was granted the right to vote under the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?

- (A) felons
 - (B) women
 - (C) noncitizens
 - (D) African Americans
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6. Which document reflects the principle of federalism?

- (A) Declaration of Independence
 - (B) Articles of Confederation
 - (C) U.S. Constitution
 - (D) Mayflower Compact
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7. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

- (A) The Vice President
 - (B) The Speaker of the House
 - (C) The Secretary of State
 - (D) The Chief Justice
 - (E) The President pro tempore
 - (F) The Attorney General
 - (G) The First Lady
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8. We elect a President for how many years?

- (A) 2 years
 - (B) 4 years
 - (C) 6 years
 - (D) 8 years
 - (E) 10 years
 - (F) 1 year
 - (G) 12 years
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9. What are the two major political parties in the United States?

- (A) Democratic and Republican
 - (B) Republican and Libertarian
 - (C) Democratic and Green
 - (D) Republican and Reform
 - (E) Democratic and Socialist
 - (F) Whig and Federalist
 - (G) Democratic and Republican (same answer repeated)
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10. What is one power of the federal government?

- (A) To print money
- (B) To issue driver's licenses
- (C) To run public schools
- (D) To regulate marriage
- (E) To conduct local elections
- (F) To establish local police
- (G) To approve city zoning