



9-10 yr olds – Practice Constitution Bee **Name:** _____

Assignment #1 – Make sure that you are scoring in the 90% range on all 6 regular quizzes and on the Bonus Questions before moving on to this Practice Constitution Bee.

Assignment #2 – Print out and take this Practice Constitution Bee and time yourself. Print out and have your parent/guardian take this Practice Constitution Bee and time themselves.

a) I corrected my child's work on the Practice Constitution Bee below and he/she got _____ / 275 points. It took him/her _____ minutes to complete. _____
(Parent/Guardian signature)

b) I corrected my parent's/guardian's work on the Practice Constitution Bee below and he/she got _____ / 275 points. It took him/her _____ minutes to complete. _____
(Student signature)

Questions from the Practice Constitution Bee will be very similar to questions on the final online Constitution Bee except questions on the final online Constitution Bee will be randomized. The final Bee will also be timed. The exact time limit and other details will be announced before the final online Bee in plenty of time to be sure you are prepared. Scoring on the Practice Bee will be similar to scoring on the final Bee. Unless otherwise noted, each question is worth 1 point and on questions with multiple parts (i.e. a, b, c) each part will be worth 1 point. Memorization of clauses and quotes will be worth 1 point per blank so there is heavy weight to memorization. Total points will be given for each question at the end in parentheses.

1) The _____ makes the rules that _____ we, the people, from the _____ or any other person taking our _____ from us. (4)

2) How many articles are there in the Constitution?

3) Which branch of government does Article I address?

4) Which branch of government does Article II address?

5) Which branch of government does Article III address?

Name the 5 Clauses Everyone Should Know

6) S_____ Clause

7) T_____ L_____ Clause

8) I_____ C_____ Clause

9) N_____ a_____ P_____ Clause

10) G_____ W_____ Clause

11) What is the Constitutional reference of the Supremacy Clause? Article VI, Clause ____

12) What is the Constitutional reference of the General Welfare Clause? Article I, Section __, Clause 1

13) What is the Constitutional reference of the Necessary & Proper Clause? Article __, Sec. 8, Clause 18

14) What is the Constitutional reference of the Interstate Commerce Clause? Article I, Sec. 8, Clause ____

15) What is the Constitutional reference of Treaty Law? Article ____, Clause 2

16) a) What topic does Article IV address? b) What topic does Article V address? c) What topic does Article VI address? d) What topic does Article VII address? (4)

17) "The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States" is the actual text from which article in the Constitution?

18) "In all the other cases before mentioned, the supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction" is the actual text from which article in the Constitution?

19) The ratification of the conventions of nine states, shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution between the states so ratifying the same" is the actual text from which article in the Constitution?

20) Define the term "Supreme": The _____ level of power or authority

21) Define the term "Pursue": To _____

22) The Supremacy Clause says what 2 things are supreme? a) The _____ and b) The _____ of the _____ (2)

23) The laws of the United States must meet what condition in order to become the supreme law of the land? They must be made to follow the _____.

24) If a skinny boy wants to become a buff man what condition must he meet? He must _____ (1)

25) If a federal law wants to become the supreme law of the land, what condition must it meet? It must _____ the Constitution.

26) Fill in the blanks of the Supremacy Clause: "This _____, and the _____ of the United _____ which shall be made in _____ thereof ... shall be the _____ law of the _____" (6)

27) A condition is defined as a _____ that _____ (1)

28) If a car owner and a mechanic shop owner have a disagreement over the price of the service offered, who wins?

29) What does this car analogy teach us about the supremacy clause? It is not the mechanic shop (the _____) nor the car owner (the _____ or the _____) who are in charge (_____). What is in charge is the contract (the _____) made between them. (6)

30) Write from memory the words of the Supremacy Clause (24)

31) If a mechanic turns your old car into a nice new Ferrari there are at least two things that are wrong with doing so. Name the two. a) You didn't _____ him to do it. b) You can't _____ it (2)

32) Which repairs and services are listed on a contract: a) those repairs that the car owner wants done, or b) those the car owner doesn't want done? (2)

33) The General Welfare Clause is based on this idea: "If it's not _____, you _____ do it"

34) The general welfare powers are listed in which article, section and clauses? Article __, Section __, Clauses 2-9 and 17 (1)

35) The common defense powers are listed in which article, section and clauses? Article I, Section 8, Clauses ____ - ____? (1)

36) The 10th amendment says, "The _____ not delegated to the United States by the Constitution . . . are reserved to the _____ respectively, or to the _____" (3)

37) Fill in the blanks of the General Welfare Clause: "The _____ shall have _____ to ... provide for the _____ defense and _____" (5)

38) a) If a car owner authorizes a mechanic shop to make repairs and to service his car does that mean the mechanic can do whatever repairs and services he wants? b) Why or why not? (2)

39) What does this car analogy teach us about the general welfare clause? The car owner (the _____ or the _____) only authorized the mechanic shop (the _____ or the _____) to do those repairs and services (to _____) listed in the contract (the _____) not just whatever repairs and services seem to be generally good to the shop. (8)

40) Fill in the blanks of the 10th amendment "The _____, nor prohibited by it to the States, _____" (20)

41) Write from memory the words of the General Welfare Clause (14)

42) a) If you authorize your mechanic shop to change out your brake pads – and to only do that one thing – is it all right for him to also take off your wheel? b) Explain. (2)

43) Is an implied power: a) directly given and listed, or b) indirectly given. (1)

44) What is the rule that should be used to determine whether a law is necessary and proper? A law is necessary and proper only if it is needed in order carry out a _____ power _____ in the _____. (1)

45) The words from the necessary and proper clause, "for carrying into execution the foregoing powers" are referring to the _____ that were just _____ in Article __, Section ____ (1)

46) a) Can the federal government build a mint (the *place* where money is minted or coined) even though the only power they were given was to coin money? b) Explain. (2)

47) Why is the necessary and proper clause often called the elastic clause? It can be _____ to give powers not specifically _____ in the _____. (1)

48) Fill in the blanks of the Necessary and Proper Clause: The _____ shall have _____ to ... make all _____ which shall be _____ and _____, for carrying into _____ the foregoing _____." (7)

49) Why is the phrase "for carrying into execution the foregoing powers" so critical to the principle of self- government? Because it limits _____ to only do those things that can be _____ to Article __, Section __ powers which we, the people, _____ them to do for us. We _____ the _____ to act for us. They don't _____ themselves to _____ what they will do for us. (11)

50) If your mechanic claims that in order for you to be happy it is necessary and proper that he cut a sunroof in your car and that you authorized it, how would you respond?

51) Why is the necessary and proper clause often referred to as the elastic clause?

52) Write from memory the words of the Necessary and Proper Clause (22)

53) Interstate means: _____ states. Intrastate means _____ of a state. Interpersonal means: _____ people. Intrapersonal means: _____ of a person. (4)

54) Choose the correct definition for "Regulate": a) to make all decisions about b) to set a standard for. (1)

55) (True or False) Before the interstate commerce clause, states could choose to put any amount of fees on other states.

56) Fill in the blanks from a quote by James Monroe regarding the interstate commerce clause: "A power . . . to _____ any [fees] on the trade between the States was the _____ power granted." (1)

57) Fill in the blank in the modernized wording of Article I, Section 9, Clause 6: "No trucks or ships that are going to or from a state can be _____ to pay _____ just for being in that state." (1)

58) Choose the correct definition for "among the several states": a) between the states b) between the states, inside each state, between the people and within each person. (1)

59) Fill in the blanks of the Interstate Commerce Clause: The _____ shall have power to ... _____ commerce _____ the several _____" (4)

60) If you would like to sell your car but the buyer and you can't come to agreement on how well it runs: a) To whom can you take the car b) What can they do? (2)

61) What does this car analogy teach us about the interstate commerce clause? The mechanic shop (the _____ or the _____) can run the standardized test (to _____ or to _____) but they can't control the buyer or the seller (the _____) in decisions about the buying and selling of the car (_____). (9)

62) a) Can states set standards over each other? b) Does the interstate commerce clause give Congress power to regulate – or to set a standard – over the states? (2)

63) Write from memory the words of the Interstate Commerce Clause (12)

64) Define the term "Treaty": A formal _____ between two or more _____ (1)

65) a) If a skinny boy wants to become a buff man what condition must he meet? b) If a treaty wants to become the supreme law of the land it must be made under the _____ of the _____ _____? (1)

66) a) Are all treaties the supreme law of the land? b) Is a treaty supreme over the Constitution? (2)

67) In which document is written down what powers are “under the authority of the United States”?

68) Treaties deal with things that happen _____ of the United States. Laws deal with things that happen _____ of the United States. (1)

69) a) Can a treaty between the United States and the United Nations commit us to declaring war? b) Why or why not? (2)

70) Fill in the blanks from the Treaty Law clause: “All _____ made or which shall be made, _____ the _____ of the United States, shall be the _____ law of the _____” (5)

71) a) Is it all right for your mechanic shop to charge you for an engine overhaul when all you want is an oil change on your car? b) If your mechanic shop says they have to charge you for an engine overhaul because of an agreement they signed with other mechanic shops, how would you respond? (Fill in the blank) What you do with my _____ is controlled by the _____ you and I make not by an _____ you make with other _____ _____. (4)

72) What does this car shop analogy teach us about the treaty law clause? (Fill in the blank) Other mechanic shops (other _____) and their agreements (_____) cannot control a car owner’s (the _____ or the _____) contract (the _____) with his own mechanic shop (the _____ _____. (6)

73) When a treaty and the Constitution conflict, which document wins? (Fill in the blank) If a _____ and the _____ conflict, the _____ wins since _____ have to be made under the _____ of the United _____ and the _____ tells us what powers are _____ the authority of the United States. (12)

74) Write from memory the words of the Treaty Law Clause (23)

75) Choose your favorite clause and in 250 words or less explain why you think it is so important today. (use another piece of paper and/or feel free to type your response if you prefer)

1) Constitution, protects, government, freedom 2) 7 3) Legislative 4) Executive 5) Judicial 6) Supremacy 7) Treaty Law 8) Interstate Commerce 9) Necessary and Proper 10) General Welfare 11) 2 12) 8 13) I 14) 3 15) VI 16) a) States b) Amendment (process) c) Supremacy (clause) d) Ratification (process) 17) Article II 18) Article III 19) Article VII 20) highest 21) follow 22) a) Constitution b) Laws 23) Constitution 24) weights 25) follow 26) This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the supreme law of the land. 27) requirement; must be met first 28) It is “what” wins that matters. The contract they both agreed to wins 29) federal government; people; states; supreme; Constitution 30) This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the supreme law of the land. 31) a) authorize or ask b) afford or pay for 32) a) those repairs that the car owner wants done 33) listed; can’t 34) 1, 8 35) 10, 16 36) powers, states, people 37) The Congress shall have power to provide for the common defense and general welfare 38)) a) No. b) The mechanic can only make the repairs and perform the services specifically listed on the contract 39) people; states; federal government; Congress; make laws; Constitution 40) The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution; are reserved to the states respectively or to the people. 41) The Congress shall have power to provide for the common defense and general welfare 42) a) Yes. b) In order to change your brake pads (which you have authorized him to do in the contract) it is necessary and proper to take off your wheel 43) b) indirectly suggested 44) specific; given (or listed); Constitution 45) powers; listed (or given); I, 8 46) a) Yes b) In order for Congress to coin money they have to have a place to coin it. A mint is a place to coin money 47) stretched; given (or listed); Constitution 48) The Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers. 49) Congress; directly tied; I, 8; specifically authorized; authorize; government; authorize; decide. 50) I only authorized you to do those things which were necessary and proper in order to make the repairs listed on the contract which was to change out my brake pads and putting a sunroof in my car has nothing to do with changing out my brake pads 51) It can be stretched to give powers not specifically listed in the Constitution 52) Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers. 53) between (across); inside; between (across); inside 54) b – to set a standard for 55) True 56) prevent; only 57) forced; fees 58) a - between the states 59) The Congress shall have power to regulate commerce among the several states. 60) a) A mechanic shop b) run a standardized test on the car 61) federal government or Congress; regulate or set a standard; states; commerce 62) a) No b) Yes 63) The Congress shall have power to regulate commerce among the several states 64) agreement; nations 65) a) He must lift weights b) authority; United States 66) a) No b) No 67) In the Constitution 68) a) outside b) inside 69) a) No b) only Congress can declare war. Treaties don’t declare war 70) All treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land 71) a) no b) car; contract; agreement; mechanic shops 72) Nations; treaties; people; states; Constitution; federal government) 73) treaty; Constitution; Constitution; treaties; authority; States; Constitution; under 74) All treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land.) 75) Answers will vary but should be well thought out since they will be worth a very large number of points