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1.

The Bill of Rights includes the first ten amendments of the Constitution. Which of these rights is included in this document?

- A. People will be tried without an attorney.
 - B. People will not be allowed to bear arms.
 - C. People have the right to a speedy trial.
 - D. People must choose the religion set forth by the government.
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2. The local government is planning on building a new road in your town. You and others are not in favor of this road. What is the BEST way your group, acting as good citizens, could get the government to change its plans?

- A. get citizens to agree not to use the road when it is built
 - B. vote next year against leaders who wanted the road
 - C. get citizens to sign a petition opposing the road
 - D. write letters to your senators in Washington
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3. Your parents want to support a person who is running for mayor. There are a number of ways that they can support a candidate. All of the following are appropriate actions EXCEPT

- A. passing out materials supporting the candidate.
 - B. replacing the opponent's signs with their candidate's signs.
 - C. voting for their candidate in the election.
 - D. giving money to their candidate's campaign.
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4. Your town has a park with a walking path. This path is also good for bikes. The town government is thinking about not allowing bikes on the path. You like riding your bike on the path. What would be the MOST appropriate action for you to take?

- A. give your opinion to your town government
 - B. continue to ride your bike on the path
 - C. stop riding your bike on the path
 - D. get more friends to ride bikes on the path
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5. 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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6. In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution was added, outlawing poll taxes. How did poll taxes discriminate against African Americans?

- A. They kept many African Americans from voting.
 - B. They prevented African Americans from attending certain schools.
 - C. They kept many African Americans from finding employment.
 - D. They segregated African Americans on buses and in restaurants.
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7. There have been a number of amendments added to the Constitution of the United States that deal with voting. The 15th Amendment was passed in 1870 after the Civil War. Which group gained the right to vote?

- A. property owners
 - B. women
 - C. black men
 - D. immigrants
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8. Amendments have been added to the United States Constitution. Why was the 17th Amendment passed in 1913 as part of the reforms of the Progressive Era?

- A. to allow settlers to claim land in the West
 - B. to give African Americans the right to vote
 - C. to have senators elected directly by the people
 - D. to allow presidents to be elected to a third term in office
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9.

Which of the following is an example of due process of law?

- A. A police officer searches a home without permission.
 - B. A citizen is arrested and taken to prison without a fair trial.
 - C. A police officer gets permission from a judge to search a home.
 - D. A citizen who is unable to afford an attorney is not provided an attorney or given a speedy trial.
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10.

The Bill of Rights was written for several reasons. Which reason belongs in the list below?

- A. The Bill of Rights forces citizens to testify in court.
- B. The Bill of Rights clearly defines the rights of the citizens.
- C. The Bill of Rights identifies which religion citizens should choose.
- D. The Bill of Rights allows anyone, regardless of age, the right to carry a gun.

Answer Key

1. C) People have the right to a speedy trial.
2. C) get citizens to sign a petition opposing the road
3. B) replacing the opponent's signs with their candidate's signs.
4. A) give your opinion to your town government
5. C) paying income taxes
6. A) They kept many African Americans from voting.
7. C) black men
8. C) to have senators elected directly by the people
9. C) A police officer gets permission from a judge to search a home.
10. B) The Bill of Rights clearly defines the rights of the citizens.