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1. A class is studying the history of the struggle for women's rights in the United States. In the early 1900s there was a major push by women for passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. It was approved and added to the Constitution of the United States in 1920. What was the purpose of the Nineteenth Amendment?

- A. It gave women the right to own property.
- B. It gave women the right to travel freely.
- C. It gave women the right to vote in elections.
- D. It gave women the right to serve in the military.

2. 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

3. Your town has had an increase in the number of dogs roaming the town and destroying property. Some people want to ban dogs from the town. You like dogs. Which of the following would be an example of civic participation?

- A. You do not take any action, because you do not think it is a problem.
- B. You get your friends together and take your dogs for a walk.
- C. You go to a class where people are taught animal control and safety rules for dogs.
- D. You keep your dog fenced in your yard.

4. 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

5. 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.

6. 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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7. Every day your town throws away lots of plastic bottles. What can you do to show better citizenship?

- A. take the trash to an incinerator
 - B. support a recycling center
 - C. take the trash to the next town
 - D. use a larger trash receptacle
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8. 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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Why is it important to have representatives in our government?

- A. It allows people who are well educated to make decisions.
 - B. It allows citizens to have a voice in the decision making process.
 - C. Representatives in our government can change our freedoms granted by the Bill of Rights.
 - D. Representatives in our government can only make decisions based on their personal beliefs.
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In order for an amendment to become part of the Constitution, several steps need to be followed. At what point does an amendment become part of the Constitution?

- A. once the voters cast their votes
- B. once it is ratified by 3/4 of the states
- C. once the president presents the amendment.
- D. once the amendment is presented to Congress and the Senate

Answer Key

1. C) It gave women the right to vote in elections.
2. C) paying income taxes
3. C) You go to a class where people are taught animal control and safety rules for dogs.
4. C) get citizens to sign a petition opposing the road
5. A) They kept many African Americans from voting.
6. C) to have senators elected directly by the people
7. B) support a recycling center
8. A) give your opinion to your town government
9. B) It allows citizens to have a voice in the decision making process.
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