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Answer Key: US Constitution and Bill of Rights Quiz

Evaluate your understanding of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights with this quiz focused on federal powers and individual liberties.

1. Which principle of the U.S. Constitution ensures that no single branch of government becomes too powerful?

Answer: B) Checks and Balances

The system of checks and balances provides each branch of government with individual powers to check the other branches and prevent any one branch from seizing too much power.

2. The Fourth Amendment protects citizens against 'unreasonable searches and seizures.' In which scenario would this amendment most likely be applied?

Answer: B) Police enter a home without a warrant or probable cause.

The Fourth Amendment requires law enforcement to have a warrant or probable cause before searching a person's private property, ensuring privacy and security.

3. How does the Tenth Amendment clarify the relationship between the federal government and the states?

Answer: C) It reserves all powers not delegated to the federal government to the states or the people.

The Tenth Amendment is the foundation of federalism, specifying that any power not explicitly given to the federal government belongs to the states or the citizens.

4. Which clause in the First Amendment prevents the government from establishing an official national religion?

Answer: C) The Establishment Clause

The Establishment Clause prohibits the government from 'establishing' a religion, maintaining the 'wall of separation' between church and state.

5. If a person is on trial and refuses to testify against themselves, they are exercising their rights under which amendment?

Answer: B) The Fifth Amendment

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The Fifth Amendment protects individuals from self-incrimination, often referred to as 'pleading the fifth,' ensuring the burden of proof remains on the prosecution.