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Old Parchment, New World: The Constitution 10th Grade Quiz

Analyze the ideological shifts from the Rhode Island currency crisis to the legal nuances of the Supremacy Clause.

1. Which specific event in 1780s Rhode Island served as a catalyst for federalists to argue that state-led fiscal policies were becoming dangerously 'leveling' or radical?

- A. The implementation of the 'Stay Laws' delaying debt collection
- B. The Printing of massive amounts of paper money to pay off state debts
- C. The refusal to send delegates to the Philadelphia Convention
- D. The seizure of Newport Harbor by disgruntled merchant sailors

2. To prevent the 'tyranny of the majority,' the Constitution established _____, which allowed for the indirect election of the President rather than a direct popular vote.

- A. The Three-Fifths Clause
- B. The Electoral College
- C. The Council of Revision
- D. The Supremacy Clause

3. The 'Necessary and Proper Clause' (Article I, Section 8) was viewed by Anti-Federalists like Brutus as an unlimited grant of power to the federal government.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Unlike the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution allowed the federal government to bypass state governments to interact directly with citizens through:

- A. The power of federal taxation and law enforcement
- B. The creation of a national public education system
- C. Mandatory national military service for all males
- D. The establishment of a single state-sponsored religion

5. The _____ of 1787 was a significant achievement of the Confederation Congress because it established the precedent that new territories would enter the Union as equal states, not colonies.

- A. Land Act
- B. Treaty of Greenville
- C. Northwest Ordinance
- D. Enclosure Act

6. The original Constitution of 1787 contained a specific clause that explicitly legalized the formation of political parties (factions).

- A. True

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B. False

7. In Federalist No. 10, James Madison argues that a large republic is better than a small one because:

- A. It is easier to collect taxes across a large geographic area
- B. A large population ensures a stronger standing army
- C. Diverse interests make it harder for a single faction to form a majority
- D. It limits the number of representatives to keep the government small

8. The _____ Resolution, written by Thomas Jefferson, introduced the theory of 'nullification,' suggesting states had the right to void unconstitutional federal laws.

- A. Kentucky
- B. Hartford
- C. Albany
- D. Charleston

9. Which specific provision in Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution protected the international slave trade from being banned by Congress until 1808?

- A. The Fugitive Slave Clause
- B. The Commerce Compromise
- C. The Migration or Importation Clause
- D. The Three-Fifths Clause

10. The Chisholm v. Georgia (1793) Supreme Court case led directly to the ratification of the 11th Amendment to protect states from being sued in federal court.

- A. True
- B. False