Section 3 Quiz

Informal Amendment

A. Key Terms and Concepts

Match the descriptions in Column I with the terms in Column II. Write the correct letter in each blank.

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<th>Column I</th>
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<td>1. changes in the Constitution that do not involve changes in the written document</td>
<td>a. informal amendment</td>
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<td>2. advisory board to the President</td>
<td>b. executive agreement</td>
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<td>3. a formal agreement between two or more sovereign states</td>
<td>c. electoral college</td>
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<td>4. the group that formally selects the nation’s President</td>
<td>d. Cabinet</td>
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<td>5. a pact a President makes with the head of a foreign state</td>
<td>e. treaty</td>
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B. Main Ideas

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided.

6. Which of the following is an informal process to amend the Constitution?
   a. Congress proposes, State convention ratifies
   b. presidential edict
   c. Supreme Court case decisions
   d. general election

7. Which of the following informal customs was eventually added to the written Constitution through formal amendment?
   a. women’s suffrage
   b. voting at age 18
   c. party conventions
   d. no third term for Presidents

8. Congress may informally amend the Constitution by passing laws that
   a. expand the brief provisions of the Constitution.
   b. require the courts to decide their constitutionality.
   c. require popular support.
   d. none of the above.

9. Which of the following is one reason that Presidents use executive agreements with heads of foreign states instead of the formal treaty process?
   a. Presidents want the right to back out of any agreements they make.
   b. Heads of foreign states prefer informal agreements.
   c. Congress refuses to support the President in foreign affairs.
   d. Executive agreements do not require Senate approval.

10. The fact that government in the United States is in many ways government through political party is
    a. because George Washington was a strong supporter of political parties.
    b. the result of a long history of informal amendments.
    c. because of the section of the Constitution concerning the Electoral College.
    d. due to a Supreme Court decision.