

The British Constitution

Circle the letter of the best answer.

Name _____ Date _____

1. In which year was Magna Carta sealed by King John?
A) 1707
B) 1066
C) 1689
D) 1215
2. At which meadow beside the River Thames was Magna Carta sealed?
A) Runnymede
B) Greenwich
C) Westminster
D) Windsor
3. Is the UK's constitution usually described as 'rigid' or 'flexible'?
A) Neither rigid nor flexible
B) Flexible
C) Both rigid and flexible equally
D) Rigid
4. Who is the head of government in the United Kingdom?
A) The Lord Chief Justice
B) The Speaker
C) The Prime Minister
D) The monarch
5. Who presides over debates in the House of Commons and keeps order?
A) The monarch
B) The Speaker
C) The Prime Minister
D) The Lord Chancellor
6. What is the highest court in the United Kingdom called?
A) The House of Lords
B) The Court of Appeal
C) The Crown Court
D) The Supreme Court
7. What is the final formal step before a bill becomes an Act of Parliament?
A) Prime Minister's Questions
B) Committee stage
C) Royal assent
D) First reading
8. What event led directly to the Bill of Rights of 1689?
A) The Glorious Revolution
B) World War One
C) The Norman Conquest
D) The Acts of Union
9. Who is often regarded as Britain's first Prime Minister, in the early eighteenth century?
A) Edward Coke
B) Robert Walpole
C) Winston Churchill
D) William Pitt
10. What is the name for the two-chamber structure of the UK Parliament?
A) Bicameral
B) Federal
C) Unicameral
D) Tricameral

Answer key — fold under before giving this to a child

1. D 2. A 3. B 4. C 5. B 6. D 7. C 8. A 9. B 10. A