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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.6.L1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.6 |
| Cognitive Complexity | Low |
| Item | Which part of the U.S. Constitution states the six purposes of government? |
| A | Bill of Rights |
| B | Article IV |
| C | Preamble |
| D | Article I |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.6.L1 | |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.6 | |
| Cognitive Complexity | Low | |
| Item | Which part of the U.S. Constitution states the six purposes of government? | |
| A | Bill of Rights | **Incorrect**-The Bill of Rights does not include the six purposes of government; the Bill of Rights is an enumeration (listing) of rights that was added to the U.S. Constitution in 1791. |
| B | Article IV | **Incorrect**-Article IV of the U.S. Constitution focuses on the rights and powers of the states. |
| C | Preamble | **Correct**-The Preamble of the U.S. Constitution serves as the introduction to the U.S. Constitution and includes the six purposes of government. |
| D | Article I | **Incorrect**-Article I of the U.S. Constitution outlines the powers and structure of the U.S. Congress. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.6.M1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.6 |
| Cognitive Complexity | Moderate |
| Item | The statement below was made by President Lyndon B. Johnson during an address to the nation on March 31, 1968.  I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for  another term as your President.  Source: Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library  Which intention of the Preamble is reflected in the statement? |
| A | Government holds frequent elections. |
| B | Government exists to serve the people. |
| C | Government promotes the general welfare. |
| D | Government provides for the common defense. |

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| A | Government holds frequent elections. | **Incorrect**-The Preamble does not include the intention that elections be frequent. |
| B | Government exists to serve the people. | ***Correct***-The president’s statement is connected with “We the People” from the Preamble because the president stated that he would not be seeking election for president for another term, using the phrase ‘your president’ in doing so. |
| C | Government promotes the general welfare. | **Incorrect**-The Preamble includes the goal that the government promotes the general welfare although the statement does not relate to that goal. |
| D | Government provides for the common defense. | **Incorrect**- The Preamble includes the goal that the government provide for the common defense although the statement does not relate to that goal. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.6.M2 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.6 |
| Cognitive Complexity | Moderate |
| Item | Why did the Framers require that the U.S. House of Representatives have the sole power to introduce tax bills? |
| A | Laws are easier to debate and pass in the U.S. House of Representatives. |
| B | Members of the U.S. House of Representatives are directly elected by the people. |
| C | Elections are more frequent and expensive for the U.S. House of Representatives. |
| D | Members of the U.S. House of Representatives are required to have legal experience. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.6.M2 | |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.6 | |
| Cognitive Complexity | Moderate | |
| Item | Why did the Framers require that the U.S. House of Representatives have the sole power to introduce tax bills? | |
| A | Laws are easier to debate and pass in the U.S. House of Representatives. | **Incorrect-**The U.S. House of Representatives is larger than the Senate, which contributes to more difficulty debating and passing legislation, and the Senate was originally not directly elected. |
| B | Members of the U.S. House of Representatives are directly elected by the people. | ***Correct***-The Declaration of Independence included the colonists’ concern that taxes were imposed on them without their consent. Directly electing members of the U.S. House of Representatives gives the people a direct say in who passes tax bills, and originally the Senate was NOT directly elected. |
| C | Elections are more frequent and expensive for the U.S. House of Representatives. | **Incorrect-**Elections are more frequent for the U.S. House of Representatives compared to the Senate, but it is not a reason the House was given the power to tax. |
| D | Members of the U.S. House of Representatives are required to have legal experience. | **Incorrect**-Qualifications of members of the U.S. House of Representatives are tied to citizenship, age and residency, but not occupation. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.6.M3 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.6 |
| Cognitive Complexity | Moderate |
| Item | This newspaper headline describes an event in U.S. history.  C:\Users\kanthony\Desktop\TB Headlines\ss.7.c.1.6 (1).jpg  Which government purpose identified in the Preamble is reflected in the headline? |
| A | ensure domestic tranquility |
| B | promote the general welfare |
| C | secure the blessings of liberty |
| D | provide for the common defense |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.6.M3 | |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.6 | |
| Cognitive Complexity | Moderate | |
| Item | This newspaper headline describes an event in U.S. history.  C:\Users\kanthony\Desktop\TB Headlines\ss.7.c.1.6 (1).jpg  Which government purpose identified in the Preamble is reflected in the headline? | |
| A | ensure domestic tranquility | ***Correct***-The president’s power as commander-in-chief includes the power to use troops to ensure domestic tranquility. |
| B | promote the general welfare | **Incorrect**-The president used his power to ensure domestic tranquility in this example, and not to promote the general welfare. |
| C | secure the blessings of liberty | **Incorrect**-The president used his power to ensure domestic tranquility in this example; the example does not focus on freedom. |
| D | provide for the common defense | **Incorrect**-The common defense is an objective when the United States is involved in conflicts with other countries. The common defense occurs when the nation, as a whole, defends itself. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.6.H1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.6 |
| Cognitive Complexity | High |
| Item | The statement below is from a historical document.  We the People of the United States... do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.  Source: Library of Congress  How is this statement reflected in the modern American political system? |
| A | Voters elect Congress members. |
| B | The Electoral College elects Congress. |
| C | Congress enforces policies. |
| D | The president enacts policies. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.6.H1 | |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.6 | |
| Cognitive Complexity | High | |
| Item | The statement below is from a historical document.  We the People of the United States... do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.  Source: Library of Congress  How is this statement reflected in the modern American political system? | |
| A | Voters elect Congress members. | **Correct**-The U.S. Constitution has been amended to include the direct election of senators (in addition to members of the U.S. House of Representatives who are directly elected, according to Article I). |
| B | The Electoral College elects Congress. | **Incorrect**-The Electoral College elects the president and vice-president, but not members of Congress, and is less tied to the democratic promise of ‘We the People’. |
| C | Congress enforces policies. | **Incorrect**-The executive branch enforces policies while Congress enacts policy. |
| D | The president enacts policies. | **Incorrect**-The president enforces policies while Congress enacts policies. |