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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.9.L1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.9 |
| Cognitive Complexity | Low |
| Item | Which principle is included in the U.S. Constitution? |
| A | rule of law |
| B | right to trial |
| C | capitalism |
| D | confederalism |

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| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.9 | |
| Cognitive Complexity | Low | |
| Item | Which principle is included in the U.S. Constitution? | |
| A | rule of law | ***Correct***-The U.S. Constitution is organized around the principle of the rule of law; the principle of the rule of law is that the law rules over all persons and no person is above the law. |
| B | right to trial | **Incorrect**-The right to a trial is found in the Bill of Rights which was added to the U.S. Constitution in 1791. |
| C | capitalism | **Incorrect**-Property rights are found in the U.S. Constitution although capitalism as an economic system is not found in the U.S. Constitution. |
| D | confederalism | **Incorrect**-The U.S. Constitution is based on a federal system where power is shared between the national and state governments. A confederal system is a decentralized, state-centered political system. |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.1.9.M1 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.1.9 |
| Cognitive Complexity | | Moderate |
| Item | | The passages below are from Executive Order 13490, issued by President Barack Obama in 2009.  By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution …it is hereby ordered as follows:  …Every appointee in every executive agency …shall be ...committed to, the following pledge upon becoming an appointee:  "As a condition, and in consideration, of my employment in the United States Government in a position invested with the public trust, …I will not accept gifts from registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations for the duration of my service as an appointee.”  Source: The White House Press Office  Based on these passages, what is the purpose of this executive order? |
| A |  | Government employees should be held to the rule of law. |
| B |  | Government employees should work with interest groups. |
| C |  | Government employees should support political candidates. |
| D |  | Government employees should respect enforcement of the law. |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.1.9.M1 | |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.1.9 | |
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| Item | | The passages below are from Executive Order 13490, issued by President Barack Obama in 2009.  By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution …it is hereby ordered as follows:  …Every appointee in every executive agency …shall be ...committed to, the following pledge upon becoming an appointee:  "As a condition, and in consideration, of my employment in the United States Government in a position invested with the public trust, …I will not accept gifts from registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations for the duration of my service as an appointee.”  Source: The White House Press Office  Based on these passages, what is the purpose of this executive order? | |
| A |  | Government employees should be held to the rule of law. | ***Correct***-The president is requiring that government employees not accept gifts because doing so will violate the public’s trust in the government. |
| B |  | Government employees should work with interest groups. | **Incorrect**-The president is allowing government employees to work with interest groups although the purpose of the executive order is to prevent those interest groups from giving gifts to government employees. |
| C |  | Government employees should support political candidates. | **Incorrect**-There is no mention in the passages from the executive order about government employees supporting political candidates. |
| D |  | Government employees should respect enforcement of the law. | **Incorrect**-Government employees are expected to respect the enforcement of the law although this principle is not reflected in the excerpts from the executive order. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.9.M2 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.9 |
| Cognitive Complexity | Moderate |
| Item | The quote below is from a 1977 interview with President Richard Nixon.  Well, when the President does it, that means that it is not illegal.  Source: *New York Times*  Based on the quote, what can be presumed about the rule of law? |
| A | It requires judicial review. |
| B | It promotes fair procedures. |
| C | It requires consistent application. |
| D | It promotes institutional transparency. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.9.M2 | |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.9 | |
| Cognitive Complexity | Moderate | |
| Item | The quote below is from a 1977 interview with President Richard Nixon.  Well, when the President does it, that means that it is not illegal.  Source: *New York Times*  Based on the quote, what can be presumed about the rule of law? | |
| A | It requires judicial review. | **Incorrect**-The rule of law does not require judicial review. The rule of law functions above all the branches of government such that all branches must follow the rule of law. |
| B | It promotes fair procedures. | **Incorrect**-The rule of law requires fair procedures although the concept of fair procedures are not referenced in the quote. |
| C | It requires consistent application. | **Correct**-The rule of law requires consistent application which is referenced in the quote. Specifically, all persons, whether they hold a government position, such as a president, or ordinary citizens, are expected to follow the rule of law. Nixon, therefore, was incorrect! |
| D | It promotes institutional transparency. | **Incorrect**-The rule of law promotes institutional transparency although this principle is not referenced in the quote. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.9.M3 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.9 |
| Cognitive Complexity | Moderate |
| Item | The conversation below took place between two U.S. citizens.  ---------------------------  **Kevin**: I do not want to visit a country where the police force operates like an organized crime gang.  **Peggy**: I do not want to visit a country where the police make up evidence.  ---------------------------  What principle is important to these citizens? |
| A | representative democracy |
| B | freedom of speech |
| C | trial by jury |
| D | rule of law |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.9.M3 | |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.9 | |
| Cognitive Complexity | Moderate | |
| Item | The conversation below took place between two U.S. citizens.  ---------------------------  **Kevin**: I do not want to visit a country where the police force operates like an organized crime gang.  **Peggy**: I do not want to visit a country where the police make up evidence.  ---------------------------  What principle is important to these citizens? | |
| A | representative democracy | **Incorrect**-Representative democracy is not a focus of the conversation, which focuses on the role of police. |
| B | freedom of speech | **Incorrect**-Freedom of speech is not a focus of the conversation, which focuses on the role of police. |
| C | trial by jury | **Incorrect**-Trial by jury is not a focus of the conversation, which focuses on the role of police. |
| D | rule of law | **Correct**-Police who do not abuse their power is one important concept of the rule of law. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.9.H1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.9 |
| Cognitive Complexity | High |
| Item | C:\Users\kanthony\Desktop\Images for Test Bank\Scroll_without_words.jpgThe statement below is from the Magna Carta written in 1215.  To no one will we sell, to no one will we refuse or delay, right or justice.  Source: U.S. National Archives and Records Administration  Which political principle justifies this statement? |
| A | The right to trial protects political institutions. |
| B | The rule of law guarantees fair legal treatment. |
| C | Checks and balances prevent tyranny in government. |
| D | Separation of powers permits shared government authority. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.1.9.H1 | |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.1.9 | |
| Cognitive Complexity | High | |
| Item | C:\Users\kanthony\Desktop\Images for Test Bank\Scroll_without_words.jpgThe statement below is from the Magna Carta written in 1215.  To no one will we sell, to no one will we refuse or delay, right or justice.  Source: U.S. National Archives and Records Administration  Which political principle justifies this statement? | |
| A | The right to trial protects political institutions. | **Incorrect**-The right to trial protects citizens and not political institutions. |
| B | The rule of law guarantees fair legal treatment. | **Correct**-Fair legal treatment, which is part of the rule of law, includes the right to justice that is not delayed or held up. |
| C | Checks and balances prevent tyranny in government. | **Incorrect**-Checks and balances prevents tyranny in government although that principle is not referenced or linked to the statement. |
| D | Separation of powers permits shared government authority. | **Incorrect**-Separation of powers permits shared government authority although that principle is not referenced or linked to the statement. |