

SS.7.C.3.6 Low Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	Which individual protection is found in the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?	The correct answer should identify a right that is enumerated (listed) in the Fifth Amendment.
A	privacy rights	Incorrect – This is an unenumerated right. Privacy is not listed in the U.S. Constitution.
B	property rights	Correct – The Fifth Amendment states that the government must pay individuals when it takes property for public use (eminent domain). The Fifth Amendment protects the individual right to be compensated when the government takes private property.
C	forced internment	Incorrect – Forced internment is not a right; forced internment has been imposed on U.S. citizens during wartime and results in limits placed on individual rights.
D	civil disobedience	Incorrect – Civil disobedience is not protected by the Fifth Amendment. The freedoms of speech and peaceable assembly, which together protect the right of civil disobedience, are enumerated in the First Amendment.



SS.7.C.3.6 Moderate Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	Which action represents an individual exercising a constitutional right?	The correct response should identify an individual right that one would exercise, or carry out.
A	summary judgment	Incorrect – A summary judgment is a court decision to stop a case from going to trial. A summary judgment is not an individual right.
B	quartering soldiers	Incorrect – Quartering soldiers means that the government requires individuals to house military members their homes. The Third Amendment safeguards individuals from being forced to quarter soldiers.
C	civil disobedience	Correct – This right is protected by the First Amendment freedoms of speech and peaceable assembly.
D	double jeopardy	Incorrect – Double jeopardy safeguards individuals from being tried for the same crime more than once; it is not that an individual would exercise, or carry out.

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Question	What has been one long-term result of the constitutional protection of free speech?	The question is asking for a modern application of the impact of free speech as protected by the Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution. The identified impact should be long-term.
A	fewer court cases involving minors	Incorrect – Protection of free speech does not directly result in fewer court cases involving those under 18.
B	fewer laws limiting minority rights	Incorrect – Protecting free speech would broaden, and not limit, minority rights.
C	a more accurate election	Incorrect – Freedom of speech is not a factor in the accuracy of election results.
D	a more informed society	Correct – Freedom of speech broadens the opportunities for individuals to express their viewpoints and share information. One long-term result of free speech protections is that individuals may learn more about politics and society from the increased number of viewpoints being expressed.

