

A. Checking Reading Comprehension

Choose the letter of the phrase that best completes each sentence.

line 5-8
line 13-17

B 1. According to the Constitution, a. the House of Representatives can approve or reject a nomination to the Supreme Court b. the Senate can approve or reject a nomination to the Supreme Court c. the Supreme Court selects its own membership d. a presidential appointment must be debated by Congress for three months.

line 18-20

A 2. As President of the Senate, the Vice President a. can vote to break a tie in the Senate b. makes sure that Senate debates are held in private c. cannot vote in any Senate election d. has power to appoint federal judges.

line 50-52

D 3. Clement Haynsworth lost the Supreme Court nomination by a. one vote b. presidential veto c. a unanimous vote d. a majority vote.

A 4. Of the following people, the only one whose opinion of Haynsworth is *not* given in the reading is a. Vice President Spiro Agnew b. President Richard Nixon c. Senator Strom Thurmond d. labor leader George Meany. → line 31-32 ↪ line 44-46

line 36-41 ←

line 54-56

C 5. The Haynsworth decision was a defeat for a. the system of checks and balances b. labor and civil rights groups c. President Richard Nixon d. a majority of senators.

3. Matching Vocabulary and Definitions

The information needed to do this exercise may be found in your textbook or a reference source. Beside each definition in Column I, write the letter of the term from Column II to which it applies.

| Column I | Column II |
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| <u>D</u> 1. a formal charge of misconduct brought against a government official | a. judiciary |
| <u>B</u> 2. the system by which one branch of government limits powers of another branch | b. checks and balances |
| <u>E</u> 3. the principle of assigning special powers and duties to each branch of government | c. judicial review |
| <u>C</u> 4. the power of the Supreme Court to overturn acts of Congress | d. impeachment |
| <u>A</u> 5. a general term for the Supreme Court and other courts | e. separation of powers |