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Name: _____ Date: _____

Understanding the Articles of the Constitution

Use the Constitution to help you answer the following. Answer yes or no and explain your answer.

1. Mr. A was born in the United States. He has lived in the state of Maryland for twenty years. He is twenty-two years old, married, and the father of two children. Is he allowed to serve in the House of Representatives for his district in Maryland?

_____ Why? _____

What part of the Constitution gives you this information?

2. Miss B is thirty-three and has been a citizen of the United States for six years. She has lived in the state of Alabama for one year. Is she allowed to serve as one of Alabama's senators?

_____ Why? _____

What part of the Constitution gives you this information?

3. Mrs. C is a mother of four. She was born in France, but her parents are citizens of the United States. She has lived in foreign countries, but returned to live in the United States four years ago. She is fifty-five. Can she run for President?

_____ Why? _____

What part of the Constitution gives you this information?

4. California has more citizens than any other state in the United States. Could the California state legislature pass a law giving it three senators in Congress because of its size?

_____ Why? _____

Which part of the Constitution gives you this information?

5. Can the number of congressmen or congresswomen from a state be reduced?

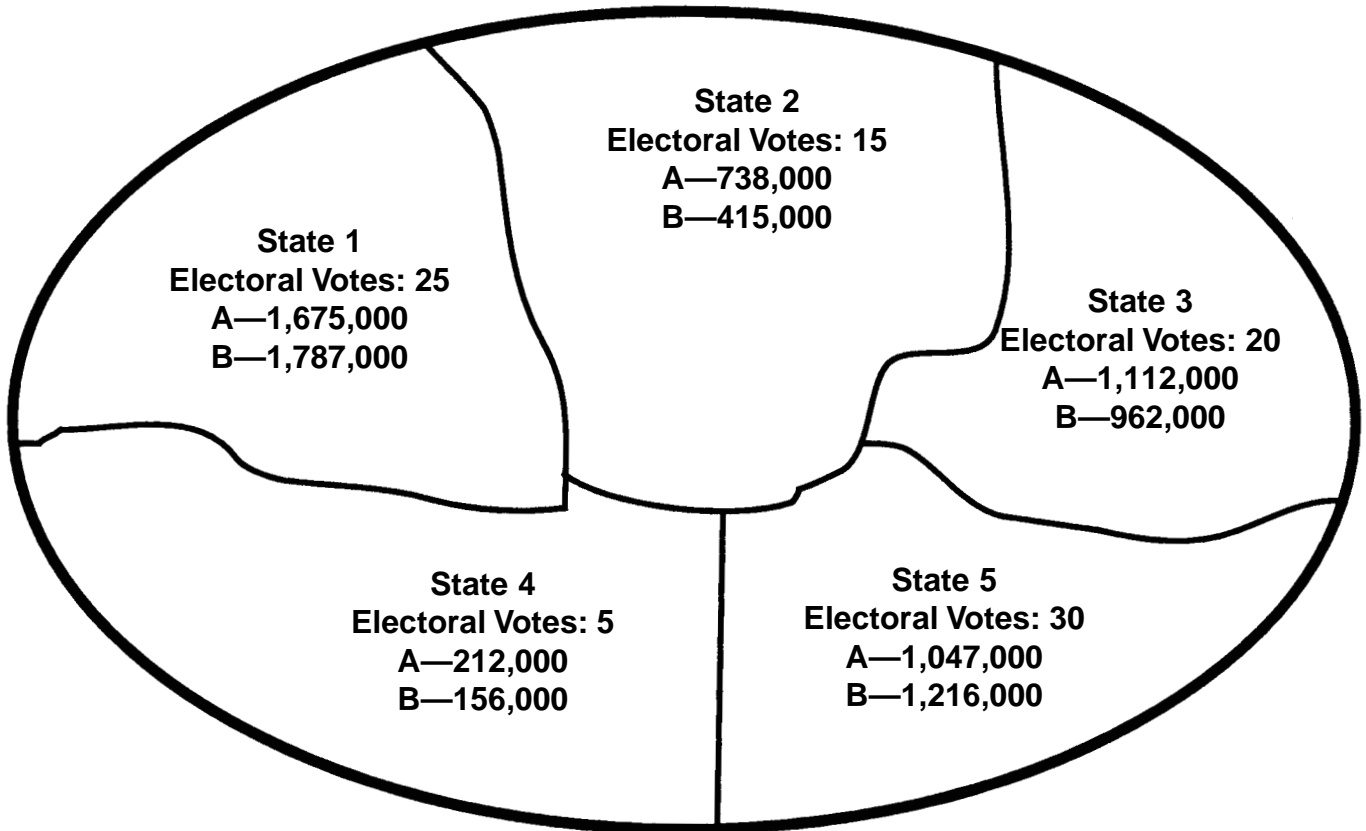
_____ Why? _____

Which part of the Constitution gives you this information?

The Popular Vote

The actual number of votes cast for Presidential candidates on election day is called the popular vote. It is possible, though, that the candidate with the most popular votes may not become President. Do the following exercise to learn why.

This map shows five imaginary states and their value in electoral votes. Also shown are the popular votes cast in each state for Candidates A and B. Use this information to answer the questions.



- How many popular votes in all were cast for Candidate A? _____
- How many popular votes in all were cast for Candidate B? _____
 All of a state's electoral votes are awarded to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in that state.
- Which states did Candidate A win? _____
 How many electoral votes are they worth? _____
- Which states did Candidate B win? _____
 How many electoral votes are they worth? _____
- Who won the election? _____
 Why? _____