Know the News:
First Amendment 101

Read the article, then answer the questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?
   A. The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791.
   B. Some states agreed to ratify the Constitution only if a list of individual rights was added.
   C. The First Amendment protects some of Americans’ most important individual rights, but it has limits.
   D. The First Amendment is just 45 words long.

2. Which of these freedoms is not protected by the First Amendment?
   A. the right to assemble peacefully
   B. the right to a free press
   C. the right to freedom of religion
   D. the right to a public trial

3. Which of these statements is true?
   A. The First Amendment was written at the same time as the Constitution.
   B. The purpose of the First Amendment is to make sure the government doesn’t overstep its bounds.
   C. George Washington wrote the Bill of Rights.
   D. all of the above

4. Which of the following best describes the overall structure of the article?
   A. cause and effect
   B. chronological
   C. problem and solution
   D. question and answer

5. Which of the following took place in 1969?
   A. The Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling regarding students’ free speech rights at school.
   B. The First Amendment began to apply to state governments as well as the federal government.
   C. The Supreme Court ruled in West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette.
   D. Connecticut teen Avery Doninger was blocked from serving on her school’s student council.

6. Based on context clues, what does impartial mean in the following sentence? “Journalists can cover anything they choose and from any viewpoint, whether impartial or intentionally biased.”
   A. incomplete
   B. neutral
   C. prejudiced
   D. uninteresting

7. Which of the following is a key detail that should be included in a summary of the article?
   A. The Declaration of Independence was mostly a list of complaints about British rule.
   B. In certain cases, public schools are allowed to censor students’ clothing choices and speech.
   C. The First Amendment, ratified in 1791, protects some of Americans’ most important rights.
   D. Journalists aren’t allowed to knowingly print false information about someone.

8. Which of these statements is a fact?
   A. The First Amendment is the most important part of the Constitution.
   B. Snapchat shouldn’t be allowed to ban users.
   C. First Amendment rules don’t apply to private companies.
   D. All students should recite the Pledge of Allegiance every morning.

9. The establishment clause relates to which First Amendment right?
   A. freedom of religion
   B. freedom of speech
   C. freedom to petition the government
   D. freedom to assemble peacefully

10. Public schools are legally allowed to do which of the following?
    A. make a student recite the Pledge of Allegiance
    B. insist on reviewing yearbook pages before they’re printed
    C. organize an after-school prayer club
    D. all of the above