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Constitutional Quiz

Directions: Choose the best answer for each question. Circle the correct letter.

1. Why did William Marbury sue James Madison?
A. Madison fired him from his job
B. The court said he could not be a judge
C. Madison wanted him to switch political parties
D. He never received his official commission papers
2. What did Marbury ask the Supreme Court to issue?
A. A new election
B. A declaration of war
C. A writ of mandamus
D. A presidential pardon
3. Which branch did Chief Justice John Marshall believe had the authority to decide what the law means?
A. Legislative
B. Judicial
C. Executive
D. State governments
4. What part of the Judiciary Act of 1789 did the Supreme Court strike down?
A. The section that gave the Court power beyond the Constitution
B. The rule that let the president appoint judges
C. The law requiring Congress to follow the Court
D. The amendment abolishing judicial review
5. Which major outcome resulted from *Marbury v. Madison*?
A. Congress gained power over the Judicial Branch
B. The president was removed from office
C. Judicial review became a constitutional power
D. States could ignore federal laws
6. How did the ruling affect the balance of power?
A. It weakened the Supreme Court and strengthened Congress
B. It made the Judicial Branch a strong check on the other two branches
C. It made the president more powerful than the courts
D. It gave state governments control over federal courts
7. Which statement best describes Jefferson's reaction to the ruling?
A. He feared the Court had gained too much power
B. He ignored the decision completely
C. He celebrated the Court's new authority
D. He joined the Supreme Court as a justice
8. Why is judicial review important in the United States today?
A. It allows Congress to rewrite the Constitution quickly
B. It removes the need for elections
C. It gives the president the final say in legal matters
D. It ensures laws follow the Constitution and protect rights