## **Переведите тексты и выполните тесты по ним**

## **The Political System of the USA (основная информация)**

1. The president is the head of state.
2. **The head of state in the USA** (the president) has the real power. For example, he is Commander-in- Chief of the armed forces (Главнокомандующий ВС), he makes treaties (ведет переговоры) and appoints ambassadors (назначает послов), can veto laws.
3. Congress and the Supreme Court control the president’s power.
4. **The legislative power** in the USA belongs to Congress, consisting of the Senate [`senit] and the House of Representatives (two senators for each state (100 in total).
5. **The executive power** belongs to the President, the Vice-President and the Cabinet.
6. The President, the Head of the executive branch, is elected for a four-year term.
7. In the USA each state has its own constitution (50 states and the District of Columbia).
8. The American Bill of Rights, passed in 1791, forms the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the USA.
9. Congres sits in the Capitol.
10. The White House is the president’s residence.
11. There are **two main political parties** in the USA: the Democratic and the Republican.

**Questions:**

1. Do you think that the role of the President in the USA is ceremonial like the Queen in Great Britain?  
2. Who is the head of the executive branch in the USA? In Britain?

### Test on the Political System of the USA

1. In America , the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the Head of State.
   1. Congress
   2. Parliament
   3. President
2. The President of the United States is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every four years.
   1. examined
   2. elected
   3. changed
3. The President makes the most important decisions and chooses the members of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
   1. council
   2. court
   3. cabinet
4. In other words, the President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the heads of the most important departments in the Administration.
   1. appoints
   2. delays
   3. opposes
5. The president \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the United States on official occasions.
   1. controls
   2. declares
   3. represents
6. The President cannot act without the Senate’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. approval
   2. appointment
   3. opposition
7. Congress is the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ branch of the federal government.
   1. democratic
   2. political
   3. legislative
8. The President’s policies must be approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate before they become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. constitution
   2. law
   3. democracy

## **The Political System of the Russian Federation**

The official name of Russia is **the Republic of Russian Federation.**

**The Russian Federation** is a federal (presidential, parliamentary) republic.

**Mind the articles:**

* **The**Federal Assembly – Федеральная Собрание (the Russian Parliament)
* **The** Council of Federation – Совет Федерации
* **The** State Duma – Государственная Дума
* **The** Council of  Ministers = The Cabinet of Ministers – Совет министров (правительство)
* **The** Chairman of government= The Prime Minister – Председатель правительства
* **The**Supreme Court – Верховный суд
* **The**Constitutional Court – Конституционный суд

The Constitutional Court can declare actions of the president or government unconstitutional.

**The Political System of Russia (основная информация)**

1. **The president** is the head of the state. He has much power: can dissolve the Duma, can veto laws.
2. **The National Government of Russia consists** of the President, the Council of Ministers and the Federal Assembly.
3. The**legislative power** in Russia belongs to the Federal Assembly. It consists of two houses or chambers: the Upper House (the Council of Federation) and the lower House (the State Duma).
4. The Duma consists of **450 deputies**.
5. The **executive power** belongs to the government, e.g. to the Cabinet of Ministers, headed by the Prime-Minister.
6. The head of government is the Prime Minister.
7. The President is the Head of the executive branch. He is elected for a **four-year term**.

**Questions:**

1. Who is the head of the state in Russia?
2. What bodies of power does the government consist of?
3. Who is the head of the government in Russia?
4. For how long is the President elected?
5. What political system does Russia belong to?

### ****Test on the Political System of Russia****

1. **The official name of Russia is …..**
   1. Russia
   2. the Russian Federation
   3. the Republic of the Russian Federation
2. **The national Government of Russia consists of ….**
   1. the President and the Prime Minister
   2. the President and the Council of Ministers
   3. the President, the council of Ministers and the Federal Assembly
3. **There are ……Houses in the Federal Assembly.**
   1. two
   2. three
   3. four
4. **The lower House of the Federal Assembly is…**.
   1. the State Duma
   2. the Council of Ministers
   3. the Federal Council
5. **The Head of the Republic of Russian Federation is….**
   1. the President
   2. the Prime Minister
   3. the Speaker of the State Duma
6. **The Duma consists of …. deputies.**
   1. **540**
   2. 450
   3. 400
7. **The Chairman in Russia is…..**
   1. elected
   2. invited
   3. appointed
8. **In Russia ……can declare laws unconstitutional**.
   1. the President
   2. the Supreme Court
   3. Constitutional Court
9. **……..elect the members of Federal Assembly**.
   1. the government
   2. the people
   3. the president