

General Information

THE PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION

- In case of death, permanent disability, removal from office or resignation of both the President and Vice President, the next in rank who shall as the President until the successors shall have been elected and qualified is the Senate President.
- (1) Speedy disposition of cases, (2) Have access to official records and documents, (3) For unions or associations for purposes not contrary to law and (4) Assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances are some rights guaranteed to an individual by the constitution.
- The Presiding Justice of the Sandiganbayan may not be removed from office through impeachment.
- The following may be removed from office through impeachment: Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Members of the Supreme Court, Chairman of the Commission on Elections and the Chairman of the Commission on Audit.
- The principle of human rights which explains that rights of every Filipino cannot be taken away, mortgage or surrendered is called Inalienable.
- The right to just and favorable working conditions guarantees every Filipino worker a right to fair remuneration for equal work.
- The liberty of abode and of changing the same may be impaired only upon order of the court.
- Watersheds may be protected through planting trees.
- In terms of industry classification, the timber harvesting is not considered major air pollution in sub-sector industry.
- All kidnap for ransom crimes or other terrorist activities primarily show total disregard for ethnic identity.
- The minimum age requirement for the members of the House of Representatives to run for an election is 25 years old.
- Pursuant to RA 6713, temporary and contractual workers may be exempted from filing the annual assets and liabilities executed under oath.
- The right of a person under investigation for allegedly committing a criminal act involves right to fair trial, right to be presumed innocent, and right to counsel.

- A divestment is supposed to be made thirty (30) days from assumption to office by public official or employee in case a conflict of interest arises.
- Sustainable development's framework is founded on economic, social and environmental dimensions and development. Its essence is the harmonious integration of a sound and viable economy and responsible governance. It is meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is essentially concerned with social harmony and the ecological integrity to ensure that development is a life-enhancing process.
- Government officials and employees are prohibited from engaging in partisan political activities except in expressing their views on current political problems or issues.
- The Commission of Human Rights has all the following powers and functions: (1) Investigate all forms of human rights violations, (2) Exercise visitatorial powers over jails and prisons, (3) Recommend measures to promote human rights and (4) Adopt and implement its operational guidelines and rules on procedures.
- Considering that values are internalized ideas and feelings shared by the members of a society or an organization that bind the members together to live or establish an orderly life, they are best expressed through one's actions.
- The Commission of Appointments has the authority to recommend to the President nominees for the members of the Supreme Court and judges of the lower courts.
- The authority to call for a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments thereto, or revision thereof, resides in the Congress.
- The Constitution protects the lives of its unborn citizens. This means that the unborn is given equal rights as any born citizen in the country.
- Under the 1987 Constitution, the State is mandated to assign the highest budgetary priority to Education.
- The President of the Philippines exercises general supervision over all local governments.
- Through the party list system, the religious sector is not representing in the House of Representatives.



- The power of the President of the Philippines to disapprove bills passed by Congress that he/she considers not favorable to the people is called Veto power.
- Due process of law means that the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty.
- The rights of private of individuals to secure for themselves the enjoyable of their means of happiness such as the right to a name, the right to form a family, and the right to security of personal papers and effects are called Civil rights.
- The Bill of Rights of the Philippine Constitution does not allow involuntary servitude except punishment for a crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.
- Elective or appointive public officials or employees cannot accept any present, compensation, office or title of any kind from any foreign government without the consent of the Congress.
- The Senate has the sole power to hear and decide all cases of impeachment.
- The right of the state to take private property for public use upon payment of just compensation to the owner is known as Eminent domain.
- Perpetual disqualification from holding public office can be considered as an accessory penalty of an impeachment case.
- The red color of the Philippine flag represent Filipino valor.
- The Philippines is a democratic and republican state. Consequently, sovereignty resides in the people or citizenry.
- Filipino and English are the official languages of the Philippines.
- A voter is disqualified from exercising his/her right to suffrage is he/she has been a resident of the Philippines for less than 6 months.
- A police officer who detains a suspect longer than what is required by law is liable for illegal detention.
- The Vice President may be appointed as member of the Cabinet without needing confirmation from the Commission on Appointments.
- The power of the president to disapprove a bill passed by Congress due to allegations that said bill was a hasty and ill-considered legislation is known as Veto power.
- Jurisdiction refers to the power and authority of a court to hear, try and decide and case.
- Our constitution provides that no person shall be compelled to be a witness against oneself. This provision is known as the right against self-incrimination.
- Any private individual who enters an abode against the will of the owner and without proper court order shall be guilty of trespassing.
- The right to privacy of a person is defined as one's right to be free from unwarranted publicity.

- Every defendant in a criminal case has a right to counsel chiefly because the law is concerned in seeing that very defendant has adequate opportunities to present his/her case.
- A presidential candidate must reside in the Philippines for at least ten (10) years before running public office.
- The following are manifestations of the sovereignty of the people: (1) Define the jurisdiction of their government, (2) Define the powers of their government, (3) Change their government, (4) Criticize their government.
- The following are the powers of the Congress: (1) Declare executive acts as unconstitutional, (2) Override the veto power of the President, (3) Revoke the proclamation of martial law, (4) Prescribe the qualifications of judges of lower courts.
- A member or the House of Representatives is disqualified to serve for more than three consecutive terms.
- Only natural-born citizens of the Philippines are qualified for government positions except for governor.
- Records or documents within the concept of established privilege and are not made available to any requesting public except financial transactions.
- The following are rights of a person under investigation for allegedly committing an offense: (1) To be informed of the person's right to remain silent, (2) To be informed of the nature and cause of accusations against the person, (3) To be provided with a free counsel and (4) To have a competent and independent counsel preferably of the person's own choice.
- No person shall be deprived of his/her property without due process. This means that seizure by the government of any private property should always be in accordance with the law.
- A pact between or among two or more states intended to create a binding of rights and obligations upon the parties is known as a treaty.
- Cultural rights ensure the well-being of the individual and foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.
- For expeditious proceeding of documents, except otherwise provided by law or regulation, three (3) initials or signatures must be contained in any written decision.
- The people may propose amendments through initiative at least ten (10) years after the Constitution has been ratified.
- The general compulsory retirement age for civil servants is 65 years old.

- The judge is responsible for determining the existence of probable cause for the issuance of a warrant of arrest or search warrant.
- The right that guarantees similar treatment to all persons similarly situated and precludes arbitrary or unjust discrimination to secure and safeguard such right is called right to equal protection of the law.
- The managers of government corporations are not subjected to disciplinary authority of the Ombudsman.
- The Commission of Elections exercises original and exclusive jurisdiction over all contests relating to the election returns and the qualifications of the President and Vice president.
- Decentralization is the process of transferring the basic powers from national to local governments to allow maximum participation of the citizens in governmental and community activities.
- All persons, shall before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, or be released on recognizances as may be provided by law except when charged with offenses punishable by reclusion perpetua accompanied by a strong evidence of guilt.
- The intention of the law in presuming the innocence of an accused in a criminal prosecution is to prevent the conviction of an innocent person.
- The Constitution provides that the Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy, this means that the Philippines will not engage in aggressive war.
- An effective and speedy remedy on the part of the people to remove an elective official who is not performing his/her functions to their satisfaction is through initiative.
- In a barangay election, losing candidates are eligible for appointment or re-employment to any office in the government.
- The statement, "A law which hears before it condemns, which proceeds upon inquiry, and renders judgment only after trial" best describes the essence of due process of law.
- Sexual harassment may not be a ground for impeachment.
- Military power can be delegated by the President.
- The court has resisted the clamor to issue a temporary injunction for the sake of expediency.
- The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) can declare that a city is a highly urbanized city.

R.A. 6713: CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

- RA 6173 or "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for public Officials and Employees" covers the following: (1) Temporary employees; (2) Non-career employees; (3) Elective and appointive officials; (4) Military and police personnel.

- The following are the terms of conduct for government employees: (1) Political neutrality, (2) Professionalism, (3) Nationalism and patriotism, (4) Justness and sincerity.
- The following exemplify commitment to public service: (1) Exposing graft and corruption, (2) Reporting hazards to health in the community, (3) Preserving public property and domain, (4) Using office supplies economically.
- Technical positions allow appointments of relatives by consanguinity or affinity by the appointing authority.
- From the time of separation from the government service, public officials are prohibited from accepting employment in any private enterprise previously regulated by their office for a period of one year.
- Entrepreneurial activities of government employees may be allowed subject to all of the following conditions: (1) These are not done during office hours, (2) These are not done within the required 40-hour-a-week period, (3) These do not require sources and facilities, (4) The income from entrepreneurial activities does not exceed half of the employees' annual income.
- The obligation of government officials and employees to be at all times answerable for their misconduct to the people from whom the government derives its power is known as public accountability.
- Within the prescribed period of time public officials and employees are required to file their statement of assets and liabilities and financial disclosure in the following instances: (1) Assumption of office, (2) Compulsory retirement, (3) Voluntary resignation, (4) Acceptance of foreign scholarship.
- Free voluntary service refers to services rendered by civil servants without compensation.
- Simple living is a norm of conduct described by the statement "Public officials and employees and their families shall lead modest lives appropriate for their positions and income."
- Every government agency is required to develop, update regularly, and make available to the transacting public the performance targets
- Political neutrality means that public officials and employees shall provide service to anyone without unfair discrimination and regardless of party affiliation or preference.
- Commitment to public interest may be exemplified when officials and employees always uphold public interest over personal interest.
- The following are considered as primary functions of the Civil Service Commission: (1) Institutionalize a management climate conducive to public accountability, (2) Establish a career service and adopt measures to promote morale, efficiency, integrity, responsiveness, progressiveness and courtesy in the civil service, (3) Strengthen the merit

and rewards system, (4) Integrate all human resources development programs for all levels and ranks.

- Public officials or employees are required to identify and disclose under oath their relatives in the government who are within fourth civil degree of relationship.
- Heads of government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCC) are required to submit their Statement of Assets Liabilities and Net Worth to the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel.
- Chairpersons and Commissioners and Constitutional Commissions file their statement of Assets and Liabilities and Net Worth with their respective offices.
- The following are qualifications to evaluate the most outstanding government employee: (1) The level of salary, (2) The length of service and consistency of performance, (3) The obscurity of the position, (4) The unique and exemplary quality of a certain achievement.
- The Office of the Ombudsman is mandated to determine the causes of inefficiency, red tape, mismanagement, fraud and corruption in the government.
- Professionals are best described as performing and discharging one's duties with the highest degree of excellence, intelligence and skills.
- Conflict of interest occurs when a public official or employee in an officer of a business establishment the interest of which affects the faithful performance of his/her official duty.

PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONCEPTS AND VALUES

- The Commission on Rights has all of the following powers and functions: (1) Investigate all forms of human rights violation, (2) Exercise visitorial powers over jails and prisons, (3) Recommend measures to promote human rights, (4) Adopt and implement its operational guidelines and rules on procedures.
- On December 10, 1948, the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with the purpose of releasing of prisoners of war (POW) ill held in different concentration camps around the world.
- The following are functions or services that volunteers in the government can perform: investigation, advisory, counseling, humanitarian.
- Values development programs include all of the following: (1) Philippine history, culture and tradition, (2) Nationalism and patriotism, (3) Ethical and moral values, (4) Democracy in a free and just society.
- The basic criterion of a true value is that it is freely chosen among alternatives being fully aware of its consequences.

- The primary objective for the nationwide implementation of the Values Integration for Government Renewal (VIGOR) Program is to enrich Filipino work and moral values.
- Peace is what people yearn and hope for they can settle on their respective homes without fear and therefore focus on improving their quality of life.
- Jaywalking, throwing garbage anywhere, vandalism, not waiting in line and tardiness are manifestations of lack of discipline.
- In being economical, one must decide where the best place to begin really in some families engages in petty economic that requires effort disproportionate to the money saved.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Protecting coastal ecosystems is the best way to ensure sustainable fish supply.
- Incineration is the proper way of disposing medical and hospital wastes.
- The main purpose of waste segregation is to turn waste into resource.
- Pollution of air is the most damaging effect that a cement industry can do on the environment.
- The most important aspect with regard to population as a factor in environmental quality is the equitable access to resources.
- Logging is the most destructive cause of forest degradation.
- The dominant source of air pollution in the Metropolitan area is motor vehicles.
- Re-using is the most environment-friendly treatment for a used glass bottle.
- An environment impact assessment ensures that the negative impact is mitigated.
- The ozone layer is vital in the preservation of life on earth because it protects us from the harmful effect of ultraviolet rays.
- Indigenous people can best protect the forests in the long run.
- Forests serve as habitat to wildlife.
- Putting some dams along rivers can negatively affect marine fishes because some marine fishes spend part of their life cycle upstream.
- Planting variety of crops on a place of land is more advisable than planting only one kind of crop because vulnerability to plant pests is less.
- Watersheds are important in the nation's survival because they sustain water supply.
- Biogas is a renewable source of energy.
- Sorting of garbage is necessary to enable recycling or reuse.
- Monoculture cropping or planting a single crop in a large area is not advisable because it promotes pest infestation.
- Coral reefs are of great importance because they serve as haven for young growing fish and small aquatic animals.



- The biggest threat to biodiversity, which is the variety and variability among living things, is the destruction of wildlife habitats.
- An area that has been logged will have greater erosion if the area is cultivated for cash crops.
- A rainforest is a forest in tropics.
- Fishery resources in marine and coastal waters may be considered as "open access resources" because of the difficulty in marking sea boundaries.
- The lasting environmental impact of a large-scale mining operation comes from mine tailings.
- Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are popular as propellants and insulting agents because they are reactive.
- Throwing paper into the rivers is objectionable because it is unpleasant to see floating papers in the river.
- Dynamite fishing is the major cause of coral reef destruction.
- Excessive build-up of carbon dioxide causes both global warming and ozone depletion.
- Lead is a heavy metal is emitted by gasoline-fueled vehicles and is potentially poisonous substances that are particularly harmful to children. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), inhalation of this substance can severely affect a child's behavior and decrease intelligent quotient among children with high levels of concentration in the blood and bone marrow.
- The most dangerous effect of deforestation is soil erosion.
- Solid waste Management Program is the pollution management program implemented by the DENR which includes disclosure of industries polluting the environment.
- Farmers migrate to the uplands primarily because of the greater amount of resources in the forest.

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