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The Bahamas: An Independent Country

1. Complete the statement. **‘The constitution is a legal document**

that _____.

2. The Bahamas has experienced several changes since becoming independent. Select the correct answer to complete the table below to show some of these changes. [2]

| | BEFORE INDEPENDENCE | AFTER INDEPENDENCE |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| LEADER’S TITLE | Premier Prime Minister | Premier Prime Minister |
| TYPE OF GOVERNMENT | British Crown Colony Constitutional-monarchy | British Crown Colony Constitutional-monarchy |

3. Identify the Bahamas Head of State. [1]
4. How many Governors-General have there been since The Bahamas became independent? [2]
5. Give the name of the current Governor-General. [2]

6. The THREE areas that make up the law making body of the Bahamas are

_____, _____ and _____.
[3]

7. Select **FIVE** duties of the Governor General. [5]

ensuring that there is a government headed by a Prime Minister to govern the country

to make sure that every law that is passed in The Bahamas is looked at in detail by two sets of people

signing all Bills from the House of Assembly and the Senate to make them law

appointing and dismissing ministers, on the advice of the Prime Minister

dissolving Parliament on advice of the Prime Minister.

meet to discuss the nation's business and to pass laws

appointing Senators, on the advice of the leaders of the parliamentary parties

8. Members of Parliament who are appointed to head of government ministries also serve as: [1]

☐ Cabinet Ministers.

☐ Judiciary Officers.

☐ Under Secretaries

☐ Parliamentary Secretaries.

9. What is the main role of the speaker of the House of Assembly? [1]

☐ to escort MP's out of Parliament

☐ to take part in the debates

☐ maintain order and discipline

☐ to vote on all bills presented

10. Parliament is divided into **TWO** chambers the 'Upper House and the Lower House. The 'Upper House' is another name for _____.: [1]

☐ Government House.

☐ The House of Assembly.

☐ Her Majesty's Prison.

☐ The Senate.