Unit 6. Test 2.

Read the text.

According to the constitution of 1993 Russia is a presidential republic. The federal government consists of three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. Each of them is checked and balanced by the President.

The legislative power, vested in the Federal Assembly, consists of two chambers: the Council of Federation and the State Duma. The members of the Federal Assembly are elected by popular vote for a four-year period. Each chamber is headed by the Speaker. Legislature may be initiated in either of the two Chambers. But to become a law a bill must be approved by both Chambers and signed by the President. The President may veto the bill.

The President is commander-in-chief of the armed forces, he makes treaties, enforces laws, appoints ministers to be approved by the Federal Assembly. The Government which is headed by the Prime Minister, constitutes the executive branch. The judicial branch is represented by the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and the regional courts.

The National Flag of the Russian Federation is a symbol of the sovereignty of the state, it is a rectangular cloth of three equal horizontal stripes: the uppermost is white, the middle is blue and the bottom is red. The white stripe symbolizes the earth, the blue one stands for the sky, and the red one symbolizes liberty.

The National Emblem of the Russian Federation, the double-headed eagle, is the most ancient symbol of Russia. It has regained its status as the centerpiece of Russia's state seal, testifying to the continuity of Russian history. The eagle is crowned with two small crowns and, above them, a large crown, all three joined together by a ribbon.

One more official state symbol is the National Anthem of the Russian Federation. When the National Anthem is performed at official occasions, the audience is expected to stand and men must remove their hats. If the National Anthem is played while the State Flag is being raised, the audience faces the flag.

All the symbols have been approved by the Federal Assembly.

1. Write about:
the form of ruling
legislative branch
role of the president
national symbols

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2. The president is the head of all three branches of power.

A) True

B) False

3. Russian Parliament consists of two houses: the State Duma and the Federal Assembly.

A) True

B) False

4. The Speaker is the leader of the government.

A) True

B) False

5. National Flag is the most ancient symbol of Russia.

A) True

B) False

6. The National Anthem is the same as in the Soviet Union.

A) True

B) False

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