

LESSON 1 – 1h

Constitution of the Italian Republic

TASK 1 (in groups)

Combine the right parts of the following articles and identify their position in the Constitution.

- a) All citizens have equal social dignity
- b) Sovereignty belongs to the people and is exercised by the people in the
- c) It is the duty of the Republic to remove those obstacles of an economic or social nature
- d) The flag of the Republic is the Italian tricolour: green, white and red
- e) Italy rejects war as an instrument of aggression against the freedom of other peoples

- 1) and as a means for the settlement of international disputes. (art)
- 2) which constrain the freedom and equality of citizens (art)
- 3) forms and within the limits of the Constitution. (art)
- 4) and are equal before the law. (art)
- 5) in three vertical bands of equal size. (art)

TASK 2

Set in order the sentences of the text.

- (....) This democracy was created by the Republican Constitution, which took effect in 1948.
- (....) When Italy came out of World War II, it was clear that the majority of Italians desired a democratic system of government.
- (....) The "Fundamental Principles" comprise the first twelve articles of the Italian Constitution much like how the "Bill of Rights" composes the initial ten amendments of the Constitution of the United States.
- (....) The Constitution begins with the "Fundamental Principles" that state the basic social, political, and cultural values upon which the Italian Republic is based.
- (....) The two parts are constituted by articles 139.
- (....) The Italian Constitution is then divided into two parts. First, is the "Rights and Duties of the Citizens" and then the "Structure of the Republic".

TASK 3 (in pairs)

True or false? Correct the false ones.

- 1. The sovereignty belongs to the President of the Republic.

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- 2. The Republic safeguards natural landscape.

T **F** _____

3. The citizens have only rights.

T **F** _____

4. The State and the Catholic Church are dependent.

T **F** _____

5. The Republic is one and indivisible.

T **F** _____

6. All citizens have equal social dignity and are equal before the law.

T **F** _____

7. Only the Catholicism has the right to self-organisation according to their own statutes.

T **F** _____

8. The flag of the Republic is green, red and yellow, in three horizontal bands.

T **F** _____

9. The Republic safeguards linguistic majorities.

T **F** _____

10. A foreigner may not be extradited for a political offence.

T **F** _____