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## The Eighth Amendment: Shielding Against Cruel and Unusual Punishment

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects against cruel and unusual punishment?
  - a) The First Amendment
  - b) The Second Amendment
  - c) The Eighth Amendment
  - d) The Tenth Amendment
  
2. What is the primary purpose of the prohibition on excessive bail?
  - a) To ensure that bail is always granted
  - b) To prevent the court from imposing unreasonable bail amounts
  - c) To encourage individuals to pay their fines
  - d) To eliminate the use of bail altogether
  
3. What does the Eighth Amendment aim to balance when it comes to punishments?
  - a) The punishment's severity and the government's budget
  - b) The punishment's severity and the individual's human dignity
  - c) The punishment's severity and the crime's notoriety
  - d) The punishment's severity and the defendant's income
  
4. Which of the following is an example of a punishment that could be considered cruel and unusual?
  - a) Providing educational programs for inmates
  - b) Sentencing a repeat offender to community service
  - c) Using the death penalty for a juvenile offender
  - d) Offering rehabilitation programs for drug offenders
  
5. Who plays a significant role in interpreting and applying the Eighth Amendment?
  - a) The President
  - b) Congress
  - c) The U.S. Supreme Court
  - d) State governors

