ALASKA UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT · UNIT 1 · 25 QUESTIONS

Foundations and the Constitution — Practice Test

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According to John Locke, government is legitimate only when it has the

A support of a king

B approval of the courts

C wealth of the nation

D consent of the governed

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Which Enlightenment idea holds that people are born with rights that government cannot justly take away?

A Natural rights

B Divine right

C Hereditary rule

D Mercantilism

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3 **The Declaration of Independence states that people have the right to alter or abolish a government that**



A loses a war

B raises taxes in wartime

C changes its capital city

D becomes destructive of the ends for which it was created

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4 **Under the Articles of Confederation, each state kept its**

A sovereignty and independence

B own national army only

C own foreign king

D power to print federal money

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5 **Under the Articles of Confederation, an amendment to the Articles required the approval of**

A a majority of the states

B two thirds of the states

C all thirteen states

D nine states

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The Connecticut Compromise settled a dispute at the Constitutional Convention over

A slavery in new territories

B where the capital would be built

C whether to have a president

D how states would be represented in Congress

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7 **In what year did Alaska become a state?**



ANSWER

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8 **Which principle is shown when voters elect representatives and can vote them out of office?**

A Republicanism

B Judicial review

C Separation of powers

D Supremacy

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9 **The power of judicial review was established in the case of**



A Gibbons v. Ogden

B Plessy v. Ferguson

C Marbury v. Madison

D Dred Scott v. Sandford

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10 **In McCulloch v. Maryland, the Supreme Court ruled that Congress may use powers that are**

- A only listed word for word in Article I
- B granted by state governors
- C approved by a national referendum
- D necessary and proper to carry out its listed powers

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11 **Which power is denied to the states by the Constitution?**

- A Establishing public schools
- B Setting up local governments
- C Coining money
- D Regulating intrastate trade

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12 **A state law that requires a license to drive and a federal law that taxes income both exist at the same time. This is possible because taxation and licensing are**

A reserved powers only

B concurrent powers

C denied powers

D implied powers only

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13 **Which part of the Constitution lists the purposes of government, including to form a more perfect Union and to promote the general welfare?**

A Article I

B Amendment X

C The Preamble

D Article VII

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14 **How many amendments have been added to the Constitution since the Bill of Rights, making 27 in total?**

ANSWER _____

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15 **The Second Amendment protects the right of the people to**

A assemble peacefully

B keep and bear arms

C a speedy trial

D vote at age 18

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16 **The Fourth Amendment protects people against**

A unreasonable searches and seizures

B excessive taxes

C double jeopardy

D cruel punishments only

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17 **The Fifth Amendment right against self incrimination means a person cannot be forced to**

A pay a fine

B testify against himself or herself in a criminal case

C serve on a jury

D vote in an election

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18 **The Eighth Amendment forbids**

A unreasonable searches

B cruel and unusual punishments

C laws establishing a religion

D quartering soldiers

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19 **Which amendment ended slavery in the United States?**

A Thirteenth Amendment

B Fourteenth Amendment

C Fifteenth Amendment

D Nineteenth Amendment

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20 **The Fourteenth Amendment says no state shall deny any person the**

A right to bear arms

B right to vote at age 18

C equal protection of the laws

D right to a jury in civil cases

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21 **The Alaska Constitution, written by delegates meeting in Fairbanks, was approved by Alaska voters in**



A 1949

B 1955

C 1956

D 1965

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22 **Article I of the Alaska Constitution is called the**

A Declaration of Rights

B Legislative Branch

C Executive Branch

D Natural Resources

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23 **Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution states that natural resources belonging to the state shall be used for the**



A benefit of the federal government only

B maximum benefit of the people of Alaska

C benefit of private companies only

D benefit of the largest city only

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24 **The Alaska Constitution gives voters the power of initiative, which allows voters to**



A appoint judges

B propose a law directly for a vote of the people

C veto a federal law

D elect the governor by mail only

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How many states were there when the Constitution was written in 1787?

ANSWER

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2. A
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8. A
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10. D
11. C
12. B
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16. A
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18. B
19. A
20. C
21. C
22. A
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25. 13

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