ALASKA UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT · FINAL EXAM

Final Exam — Practice Test

Alaska United States Government • 50 questions

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1 **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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2 **How many members serve in the United States House of Representatives?**

ANSWER _____

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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 **Each state elects how many United States senators?**

ANSWER _____

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5 **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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6 **The president of the Senate is the**

A Speaker of the House

B Senate majority leader

C Chief Justice

D Vice President of the United States

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7 **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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8 **A bill becomes a law only after it is passed by both houses of Congress and**

A approved by the Supreme Court

B signed by the president

C approved by every governor

D voted on by the people

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9 **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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10 **The House of Representatives has the sole power to**

A try impeachments

B confirm Supreme Court justices

C bring charges of impeachment

D ratify treaties

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11 **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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12 **The Senate has the sole power to**

A introduce revenue bills

B try impeachments

C elect the Speaker

D choose the president when no candidate wins a majority

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13 **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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14 **The Twenty Second Amendment limits a president to**

A one term

B three terms

C four terms

D two terms

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15 **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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16 **The president may grant pardons for offenses against the**

A states only

B foreign nations only

C District of Columbia only

D United States

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

ANSWER _____

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18 **Federal judges serve during**

A good behavior, effectively for life

B four year terms

C six year terms

D terms set by the president

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19 **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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20 **The Electoral College has how many electors in total?**

A 435

B 535

C 538

D 550

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21 **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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22 **A candidate needs how many electoral votes to win the presidency?**

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

A Thirteenth Amendment

B Fourteenth Amendment

C Fifteenth Amendment

D Nineteenth Amendment

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24 **How many members serve in the Alaska House of Representatives?**

ANSWER _____

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25 **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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26 **Members of the Alaska House serve terms of**

- A 2 years
- B 4 years
- C 6 years
- D 1 year

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27 **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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28 **The governor of Alaska serves a term of**

A 2 years

B 6 years

C 8 years

D 4 years

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29 **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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30 **In Alaska, state elections for most state and federal offices now begin with a top four primary, in which the**

A top two candidates advance

B top four candidates advance to the general election

C winner takes office at once

D parties choose one candidate each

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

ANSWER _____

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32 **In an Alaska general election using ranked choice voting, if no candidate wins a majority of first choice votes, then**

A the candidate with the most first choice votes wins

B the legislature chooses the winner

C the last place candidate is eliminated and those ballots are counted for the next choice

D a new election is held the next day

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33 **In a direct democracy, citizens**

- A elect representatives to vote for them
- B vote directly on laws and policies
- C are ruled by a hereditary monarch
- D have no role in government

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34 **An interest group differs from a political party mainly because an interest group**

- A never contacts lawmakers
- B cannot have members
- C must win elections
- D does not seek to control government itself, but seeks to influence policy

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35 **Which document first limited the power of the English king and protected certain rights of free men in 1215?**

A Magna Carta

B English Bill of Rights

C Mayflower Compact

D Petition of Right

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36 **A primary election is used to**

A pass a constitutional amendment

B confirm a judge

C choose a party nominee for the general election

D impeach an official

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37 **The Mayflower Compact is an early American example of**

A rule by a hereditary king

B government by agreement of the governed

C federal taxation

D judicial review

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38 **In a general election, voters choose between**

A judges only

B party leaders only

C proposed budgets only

D candidates from different parties

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39 **The rule of law means that**

A only ordinary citizens must obey laws

B leaders may ignore laws in an emergency

C no one is above the law

D courts make all laws

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40 **The Seventeenth Amendment provides for the**

A election of senators by state legislatures

B appointment of senators by governors

C election of senators by the House

D direct election of senators by the people

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41 **The First Amendment protects freedom of religion in two ways: it forbids an establishment of religion and it protects the**

A right to bear arms

B right to a jury trial

C right to vote

D free exercise of religion

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42 **The Twenty Sixth Amendment lowered the voting age to**

A 16

B 18

C 21

D 25

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43 **The Tenth Amendment reserves powers not given to the federal government to**

- A the president alone
- B the Supreme Court alone
- C the states or the people
- D foreign governments

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44 **Through selective incorporation, the Fourteenth Amendment has been used to apply most Bill of Rights protections to**

- A foreign nations
- B the states
- C private businesses only
- D political parties only

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45 **In what year was the Nineteenth Amendment, giving women the right to vote, ratified?**

ANSWER _____

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46 **Alaska Supreme Court justices are first chosen by the governor from nominees put forward by the**

A state legislature

B United States Senate

C Alaska Judicial Council

D mayor of Juneau

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47 **Alaska was the 49th state admitted to the Union. How many states were admitted before Alaska?**

ANSWER _____

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48 **In Alaska, voters in a retention election decide whether a judge should**

A be given a raise

B be kept in office

C move to another court

D run for governor

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49 **The Alaska Constitution also gives voters the power of recall, which allows voters to**

A change the state capital

B veto a presidential order

C remove an elected state official before the term ends

D grant a pardon

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50 **Which is an example of civic participation in Alaska or elsewhere in the United States?**

- **A** Refusing to pay a lawful tax
- **B** Attending a public meeting and speaking about a local issue
- **C** Ignoring a jury summons
- **D** Voting twice in one election

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ANSWER KEY

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2.	435	**11.**	A	**20.**	C	**29.**	B	**38.**	D	**47.**	48
3.	D	**12.**	B	**21.**	B	**30.**	B	**39.**	C	**48.**	B
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5.	A	**14.**	D	**23.**	A	**32.**	C	**41.**	D	**50.**	B
6.	D	**15.**	C	**24.**	40	**33.**	B	**42.**	B		
7.	D	**16.**	D	**25.**	C	**34.**	D	**43.**	C		
8.	B	**17.**	17	**26.**	A	**35.**	A	**44.**	B		
9.	A	**18.**	A	**27.**	A	**36.**	C	**45.**	1920		

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