Final Exam — Practice Test

California United States Government • 50 questions

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1 **According to John Locke, people are born with natural rights to life, liberty, and**

- A public office
- B land grants
- C property
- D noble titles

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

ANSWER _____

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3 **Under the social contract idea, people agree to obey government in return for**

A protection of their rights

B control of trade

C a royal mandate

D divine right

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

ANSWER _____

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5 **The Declaration of Independence says people may alter or abolish a government that becomes destructive of the ends for which it was created, after**

- A a change of capital
- B a single election
- C a lost war
- D a long train of abuses

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6 **The presiding officer of the Senate is the**

- A Vice President of the United States
- B Chief Justice
- C Speaker of the House
- D Senate majority leader

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7 **Which document states that all people are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights**

A The Declaration of Independence

B The Articles of Confederation

C Federalist Number 10

D The Mayflower Compact

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8 **Members of the House of Representatives serve terms of**

A 4 years

B 8 years

C 6 years

D 2 years

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

- A own federal army
- B power to coin federal money
- C sovereignty and independence
- D own king

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

- A ratify treaties
- B confirm Supreme Court justices
- C try impeachments
- D bring charges of impeachment

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

- A vote in federal elections
- B refuse to pay taxes
- C travel between states
- D keep and bear arms

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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 **The Fourteenth Amendment guarantees equal protection of the laws and due process to people in every**

A foreign nation

B city only

C county only

D state

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14 **Congress can override a presidential veto with a vote of**

A a simple majority in each house

B two thirds in each house

C three fourths in each house

D unanimous consent

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15 **The Great Compromise created a Congress with**

A three houses based on wealth

B one house chosen by the president

C one house based on population

D two houses, one based on population and one with equal state representation

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16 **The Twenty Second Amendment limits a president to**

A four terms

B one term

C three terms

D two terms

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17 **Under the Three Fifths Compromise, an enslaved person counted as what fraction of a person for representation and taxation**

- A three fifths
- B one whole
- C two thirds
- D one half

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18 **If the president dies in office, the first person to become president is the**

- A Speaker of the House
- B Vice President
- C Chief Justice
- D Secretary of State

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19 **In Federalist Number 10, James Madison argued that a large republic helps control factions by**

A banning all groups

B extending the sphere so no one faction can dominate

C removing elections

D giving one group full power

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20 **A treaty takes effect after the president negotiates it and the Senate gives its consent by a vote of**

A a simple majority

B unanimous consent

C two thirds

D three fourths

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21 **The legislative branch makes laws, the executive branch enforces laws, and the judicial branch**

A writes budgets

B collects taxes

C declares war

D interprets laws

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22 **How many justices serve on the Supreme Court of the United States**

ANSWER _____

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23 **The principle that power is divided between the national government and the state governments is**

- A popular sovereignty
- B judicial review
- C federalism
- D separation of powers

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24 **In Marbury v. Madison, the Supreme Court established the power of**

- A executive privilege
- B line item veto
- C judicial review
- D impeachment

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25 **When a state law and a federal law conflict, the federal law prevails because of the**

A full faith clause

B elastic clause

C commerce clause

D supremacy clause

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26 **A candidate needs how many electoral votes to win the presidency**

ANSWER _____

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27 **The clause that lets Congress make laws needed to carry out its listed powers is the**

A full faith clause

B necessary and proper clause

C supremacy clause

D commerce clause

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28 **How many members serve in the California State Assembly**

ANSWER _____

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29 **The Bill of Rights was added mainly to**

A set federal tax rates

B protect individual liberties

C expand presidential power

D create federal courts

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30 **The governor of California serves a term of**

A 8 years

B 2 years

C 4 years

D 6 years

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31 **How many articles are in the original Constitution**

ANSWER _____

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32 **The Twenty Sixth Amendment set the voting age for most elections at**

A 21

B 25

C 16

D 18

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33 **The part of the First Amendment that bars government from setting up an official religion is the**

A equal protection clause

B due process clause

C establishment clause

D free exercise clause

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34 **An executive order is a direction from the president to**

A foreign courts

B state legislatures

C the executive branch

D the Supreme Court

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35 **The Fourth Amendment requires that a search warrant be based on**

- A probable cause
- B a petition
- C a treaty
- D a budget

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36 **When the president takes no action on a bill for ten days while Congress has adjourned, the bill**

- A becomes law at once
- B is pocket vetoed
- C goes back to committee
- D goes to the Supreme Court

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37 **Being tried twice for the same criminal offense is barred by the Fifth Amendment rule against**

A prior restraint

B double jeopardy

C self incrimination

D eminent domain

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38 **In the Senate, extended debate used to delay a vote is called a**

A quorum call

B filibuster

C conference

D cloture vote

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39 **The Eighth Amendment bars cruel and unusual**

- A speeches
- B punishments
- C searches
- D taxes

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40 **A political party differs from an interest group mainly because a party**

- A runs candidates for office
- B never tries to influence policy
- C only works in one state
- D cannot raise money

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41 **Powers not given to the national government and not denied to the states are kept by the states or the people under the**

A Tenth Amendment

B First Amendment

C Fifth Amendment

D Fourteenth Amendment

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42 **An interest group seeks to influence public policy mainly by lobbying officials and informing voters, rather than by**

A running its own candidates

B passing laws itself

C appointing judges

D collecting taxes

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43 **The Thirteenth Amendment**

A limited the president to two terms

B abolished slavery

C gave women the vote

D set the voting age at 18

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44 **Under the California Constitution, voters may propose a new state law themselves through the**

A initiative

B referendum

C recall

D veto

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45 **The Nineteenth Amendment gave the vote to**

- A women
- B men aged 18
- C residents of the capital
- D naturalized citizens only

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46 **A civil liberty is best described as a protection from government interference, such as**

- A a driver license
- B freedom of speech
- C a tax refund
- D a public school place

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47 **In what year was the current California Constitution adopted**

ANSWER _____

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48 **In Gideon v. Wainwright, the Supreme Court held that a criminal defendant who cannot afford a lawyer must be provided one in cases involving**

A traffic fines only

B civil suits only

C serious crimes

D tax disputes only

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49 **How many amendments to the United States Constitution are there in total**

ANSWER _____

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50 **How many seats does California hold in the United States House of Representatives**

ANSWER

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ANSWER KEY

1.	C	**10.**	D	**19.**	B	**28.**	80	**37.**	B	**46.**	B
2.	435	**11.**	D	**20.**	C	**29.**	B	**38.**	B	**47.**	1879
3.	A	**12.**	B	**21.**	D	**30.**	C	**39.**	B	**48.**	C
4.	2	**13.**	D	**22.**	9	**31.**	7	**40.**	A	**49.**	27
5.	D	**14.**	B	**23.**	C	**32.**	D	**41.**	A	**50.**	52
6.	A	**15.**	D	**24.**	C	**33.**	C	**42.**	A		
7.	A	**16.**	D	**25.**	D	**34.**	C	**43.**	B		
8.	D	**17.**	A	**26.**	270	**35.**	A	**44.**	A		
9.	C	**18.**	B	**27.**	B	**36.**	B	**45.**	A		

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