COLORADO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT · FINAL EXAM

Final Exam — Practice Test

Colorado United States Government • 50 questions

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1 **Under the compromise reached at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, each enslaved person was counted as**

- A a full person for representation
- B not counted at all
- C a full person for taxation only
- D three fifths of a person for representation and taxation

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2 **How many members are in the House of Representatives?**

ANSWER _____

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3 **In what year was the Declaration of Independence adopted?**

ANSWER _____

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4 **How many years is a term for a United States senator?**

ANSWER _____

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5 **Dividing government power among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches is called**

A federalism

B checks and balances

C republicanism

D separation of powers

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Who leads the House of Representatives?

A The Vice President

B The President pro tempore

C The Majority Leader

D The Speaker of the House

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The Great Compromise provided that

A both houses would have equal representation for each state

B the House would be based on population and the Senate would have equal representation for each state

C both houses would be based on population

D the House would have equal representation and the Senate would be based on population

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8 **To override a presidential veto, each house of Congress must vote by**

A a simple majority

B three fifths

C three fourths

D two thirds

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9 **The Federalists were people who**

A wanted to keep the Articles of Confederation

B opposed any central government

C supported the Constitution and a stronger central government

D wanted a king to rule the United States

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10 **What is the minimum age to serve as president of the United States?**

- A 25
- B 30
- C 35
- D 40

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11 **The Anti Federalists feared a strong central government and**

- A demanded a bill of rights to protect individual liberties
- B supported a strong central government with no limits
- C wanted a king to rule the United States
- D opposed all state governments

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12 **How long is one term for the president of the United States?**

- A 2 years
- B 4 years
- C 6 years
- D 8 years

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13 **The idea that government power comes from the people is called**

- A rule of law
- B popular sovereignty
- C federalism
- D judicial review

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14 **As commander in chief, the president commands the**

A Speaker of the House

B armed forces

C Chief Justice

D Secretary of State

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15 **Which is an example of checks and balances?**

A Congress passes a law

B A court hears a case

C The president vetoes a bill passed by Congress

D A state governor signs a state law

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16 **The Cabinet is made up of the**

A judges of the Supreme Court

B heads of the executive departments

C members of Congress

D governors of the states

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17 **Dividing power between the national government and the state governments is called**

A federalism

B popular sovereignty

C limited government

D separation of powers

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18 **Judicial review, the power of courts to declare laws unconstitutional, was established in**

A McCulloch v Maryland

B Marbury v Madison

C Brown v Board of Education

D Plessy v Ferguson

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19 **The clause that makes the Constitution the highest law of the land is the**

A necessary and proper clause

B full faith and credit clause

C supremacy clause

D commerce clause

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20 **How many justices serve on the Supreme Court?**

ANSWER _____

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21 **Congress passes a law creating a national bank, arguing it is needed to carry out its power to collect taxes. The constitutional basis Congress is relying on is the**

A supremacy clause

B commerce clause

C establishment clause

D necessary and proper clause

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22 **A main function of a political party is to**

A run a business

B report the news

C nominate candidates for office

D enforce federal laws

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23 **In the Preamble, to insure domestic tranquility means to**

A keep peace within the country

B defend against foreign attack

C provide for the public welfare

D secure liberty for future generations

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24 **The main purpose of a primary election is to**

- A choose the president directly
- B ratify an amendment
- C choose a party nominee for office
- D confirm a federal judge

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25 **An amendment proposed by Congress must be approved by what fraction of each house?**

- A One third
- B One half
- C Two thirds
- D Three fourths

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A main role of the media in a democracy is to

A make laws

B enforce laws

C inform the public and check the power of government

D nominate candidates

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27

In what year was the Colorado Constitution adopted?

ANSWER _____

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28 **How long is one term for the governor of Colorado?**

A 2 years

B 4 years

C 6 years

D 8 years

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Source II - A Newspaper Report on a Court Case

Use this reading for question 29.

A state passed a law that set its own rules for goods shipped across state lines. A federal law already set different rules for the same shipments. A court ruled that the state law could not stand where it conflicted with the federal law.

29 **According to Source II, when a state law and a federal law conflict, which law prevails?**

A The state law prevails

B The federal law prevails

C The newer law always prevails

D The court must ask voters to decide

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Source II - Residents Work for a Bill

Use this reading for question 30.

Residents who want a clean water bill passed have hired a person to meet with members of Congress, explain the bill, and answer questions about how it would affect their town.

30 **The tactic described in Source II is called**

- A lobbying
- B voting
- C gerrymandering
- D judicial review

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31 **How many articles does the original Constitution contain?**

ANSWER _____

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32 **Who presides over the Senate and may cast a tie breaking vote?**

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

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33 **What does limited government mean?**

- A government power is limited by law
- B government may do anything it chooses
- C only the courts are limited
- D states have no limits on their power

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34 **How often is a national census taken for reapportionment of House seats?**

ANSWER _____

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35 **The power to tax is an example of a concurrent power because it belongs to**

A the national government only

B the state governments only

C both the national government and the state governments

D neither level of government

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36 **How many Senate votes are needed for cloture, which ends debate on most bills?**

ANSWER _____

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37 **Which is an enumerated power of the national government?**

A Declaring war

B Setting up local public schools

C Issuing drivers licenses

D Establishing a local police force

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38 **An executive order is a direction by the president to**

A executive agencies

B Congress to pass a law

C courts to interpret a law

D state governors to change state law

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39 **Which freedom is NOT protected by the First Amendment?**

A Freedom of speech

B Freedom of the press

C Freedom of religion

D The right to bear arms

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40 **The State of the Union address is**

A a budget document only

B an annual message from the president to Congress about the nation

C a decision of the Supreme Court

D a political party platform

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The Nineteenth Amendment

A ended slavery

B lowered the voting age

C gave women the right to vote

D banned poll taxes

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Which amendment limits a president to two elected terms?

A The Twentieth Amendment

B The Twenty First Amendment

C The Twenty Second Amendment

D The Twenty Fifth Amendment

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Source I - A New Citizen

Use this reading for question 43.

After years of living in the United States as a lawful permanent resident, Ana studied American history and government, passed a civics test, and took an oath of allegiance in a courtroom ceremony. She left the ceremony as a United States citizen.

43 **The process described in Source I is called**

- **A** deportation
- **B** naturalization
- **C** impeachment
- **D** reapportionment

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44 **Which federal courts are the trial courts of the federal system?**

- **A** Courts of appeals
- **B** The Supreme Court only
- **C** State supreme courts
- **D** Federal district courts

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45 **In what year was the Constitution written at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia?**

ANSWER _____

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46 **In Colorado, a citizen initiated measure that amends the state constitution is called an**

- **A** Initiative
- **B** Recall
- **C** Veto
- **D** Primary

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47 **In what year was the Bill of Rights ratified?**

ANSWER _____

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Source I - A Party Document

Use this reading for question 48.

Before the election, the party published a document that listed its positions on taxes, education, health care, and national defense. Candidates running under the party name said they supported the positions in the document.

48 **The document described in Source I is called a**

- A platform
- B bill
- C treaty
- D executive order

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49 **The Colorado General Assembly is made up of**

- A The Senate and the House of Representatives
- B The Senate only
- C The House of Representatives only
- D The governor and the courts

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50 **To vote in a United States election, a person must generally be**

A any resident of any age

B a citizen under age 18

C a noncitizen resident

D a citizen age 18 or older who meets state rules

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ANSWER KEY

1.	D	**10.**	C	**19.**	C	**28.**	B	**37.**	A	**46.**	A
2.	435	**11.**	A	**20.**	9	**29.**	B	**38.**	A	**47.**	1791
3.	1776	**12.**	B	**21.**	D	**30.**	A	**39.**	D	**48.**	A
4.	6	**13.**	B	**22.**	C	**31.**	7	**40.**	B	**49.**	A
5.	D	**14.**	B	**23.**	A	**32.**	D	**41.**	C	**50.**	D
6.	D	**15.**	C	**24.**	C	**33.**	A	**42.**	C		
7.	B	**16.**	B	**25.**	C	**34.**	10	**43.**	B		
8.	D	**17.**	A	**26.**	C	**35.**	C	**44.**	D		
9.	C	**18.**	B	**27.**	1876	**36.**	60	**45.**	1787		

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