Final Exam — Practice Test

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1 **Which of the following is an example of popular sovereignty?**

- A a constitution that bars unreasonable searches
- B citizens voting in an election
- C Congress making laws while courts interpret them
- D a presidential veto of a bill

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2 **Which term is defined as follows: the legislative branch that makes federal laws?**

A Congress

B the presidency

C the Supreme Court

D political party

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3 **Which statement best describes popular sovereignty?**

A limited government prevents arbitrary rule

B separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

C popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

D checks and balances keep branches accountable

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4 **Which statement best describes Congress?**

A the president enforces laws and commands the military

B the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution

C Congress has the power of the purse

D parties organize voters and government

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5 **Which of the following is an example of limited government?**

A citizens voting in an election

B Congress making laws while courts interpret them

C a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

D a presidential veto of a bill

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6 **Which of the following is an example of the presidency?**

A the House passing a bill

B the Court deciding a constitutional case

C the president signing a bill into law

D a party nominating a candidate

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7 **Which statement best describes limited government?**

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8 **Which statement best describes the presidency?**

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B the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution

C parties organize voters and government

D the president enforces laws and commands the military

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9 **Which of the following is an example of separation of powers?**

A citizens voting in an election

B a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

C a presidential veto of a bill

D Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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10 **Which of the following is an example of the Supreme Court?**

- A the House passing a bill
- B the president signing a bill into law
- C a party nominating a candidate
- D the Court deciding a constitutional case

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11 **Which term is defined as follows: each branch limiting the others?**

- A popular sovereignty
- B limited government
- C separation of powers
- D checks and balances

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12 **Which statement best describes the Supreme Court?**

- A the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution
- B Congress has the power of the purse
- C the president enforces laws and commands the military
- D parties organize voters and government

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13 **Which term is defined as follows: government restricted by law and rights?**

- A popular sovereignty
- B limited government
- C separation of powers
- D checks and balances

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14 **Which of the following is an example of political party?**

- A a party nominating a candidate
- B the House passing a bill
- C the president signing a bill into law
- D the Court deciding a constitutional case

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15 **Which statement best describes judicial review?**

- A popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy
- B limited government prevents arbitrary rule
- C separation of powers prevents one branch dominating
- D judicial review was established in Marbury v Madison

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16 **Which term is defined as follows: an organization seeking to influence policy?**

A interest group

B Congress

C the presidency

D the Supreme Court

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17 **Which of the following is an example of federalism?**

A citizens voting in an election

B states running schools while the nation defends borders

C a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

D Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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18 **Which of the following is an example of interest group?**

A the House passing a bill

B a farm group lobbying Congress

C the president signing a bill into law

D the Court deciding a constitutional case

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19 **Which term is defined as follows: courts deciding whether laws fit the Constitution?**

A popular sovereignty

B judicial review

C limited government

D separation of powers

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20 **Which term is defined as follows: the body that formally elects the president?**

- A Congress
- B the Electoral College
- C the presidency
- D the Supreme Court

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21 **Which of the following is an example of judicial review?**

- A citizens voting in an election
- B a constitution that bars unreasonable searches
- C a court striking down a law
- D Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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22 **Which of the following is an example of the Electoral College?**

- A the House passing a bill
- B the president signing a bill into law
- C electors casting votes after an election
- D the Court deciding a constitutional case

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23 **Which term is defined as follows: the Constitution as the highest law of the land?**

- A popular sovereignty
- B limited government
- C the supremacy clause
- D separation of powers

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24 **Which term is defined as follows: a president's rejection of a bill?**

- A Congress
- B the presidency
- C veto
- D the Supreme Court

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25 **Which statement best describes the supremacy clause?**

- A the supremacy clause resolves conflicts between levels
- B popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy
- C limited government prevents arbitrary rule
- D separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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26 **Which statement best describes veto?**

A a veto can be overridden by two thirds of Congress

B Congress has the power of the purse

C the president enforces laws and commands the military

D the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution

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27 **Which term is defined as follows: the first ten amendments protecting freedoms?**

A popular sovereignty

B limited government

C separation of powers

D the Bill of Rights

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28 **Which term is defined as follows: extended debate used to delay a Senate vote?**

A Congress

B the presidency

C the Supreme Court

D filibuster

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29 **Which statement best describes the Bill of Rights?**

A popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

B the Bill of Rights limits government power over individuals

C limited government prevents arbitrary rule

D separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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30 **Which statement best describes filibuster?**

A Congress has the power of the purse

B a filibuster can be ended by cloture

C the president enforces laws and commands the military

D the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution

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31 **Which term is defined as follows: fair legal procedures before losing life, liberty, or property?**

A due process

B popular sovereignty

C limited government

D separation of powers

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32 **Which term is defined as follows: drawing district lines to favor a party?**

A gerrymandering

B Congress

C the presidency

D the Supreme Court

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33 **Which statement best describes due process?**

A popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy

B limited government prevents arbitrary rule

C due process is guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments

D separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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34 **Which statement best describes gerrymandering?**

A Congress has the power of the purse

B the president enforces laws and commands the military

C gerrymandering can reduce competitive elections

D the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution

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35 **Which of the following is an example of equal protection?**

A citizens voting in an election

B a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

C a law applied equally to all citizens

D Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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36 **Which of the following is an example of civil liberties?**

- A the House passing a bill
- B the president signing a bill into law
- C freedom of speech
- D the Court deciding a constitutional case

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37 **Which statement best describes equal protection?**

- A popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy
- B limited government prevents arbitrary rule
- C separation of powers prevents one branch dominating
- D equal protection is guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment

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38 **Which statement best describes civil liberties?**

- A Congress has the power of the purse
- B the president enforces laws and commands the military
- C the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution
- D civil liberties are mainly in the Bill of Rights

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39 **Which of the following is an example of the amendment process?**

- A citizens voting in an election
- B a constitution that bars unreasonable searches
- C Congress making laws while courts interpret them
- D an amendment proposed by Congress and ratified by states

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40 **Which of the following is an example of civil rights?**

- A the House passing a bill
- B the president signing a bill into law
- C the Court deciding a constitutional case
- D equal access to voting

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41 **Which statement best describes the amendment process?**

- A the amendment process is deliberately difficult
- B popular sovereignty is the basis of democratic legitimacy
- C limited government prevents arbitrary rule
- D separation of powers prevents one branch dominating

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42 **Which statement best describes civil rights?**

- A civil rights guarantee equal treatment
- B Congress has the power of the purse
- C the president enforces laws and commands the military
- D the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution

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43 **Which of the following is an example of the social contract?**

- A citizens obeying laws in return for order
- B citizens voting in an election
- C a constitution that bars unreasonable searches
- D Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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44 **Which of the following is an example of public opinion?**

A a poll showing support for a policy

B the House passing a bill

C the president signing a bill into law

D the Court deciding a constitutional case

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45 **Which term is defined as follows: a system where citizens elect representatives to govern?**

A republic

B popular sovereignty

C limited government

D separation of powers

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46 **Which term is defined as follows: outlets that report news and shape debate?**

A the media

B Congress

C the presidency

D the Supreme Court

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47 **Which of the following is an example of republic?**

A citizens voting in an election

B voters electing members of Congress

C a constitution that bars unreasonable searches

D Congress making laws while courts interpret them

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48 **Which of the following is an example of the media?**

A the House passing a bill

B a newspaper investigating a scandal

C the president signing a bill into law

D the Court deciding a constitutional case

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49 **Which term is defined as follows: rule by the people, directly or through representatives?**

A popular sovereignty

B democracy

C limited government

D separation of powers

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50 **Which term is defined as follows: the share of eligible voters who vote?**

A Congress

B voter turnout

C the presidency

D the Supreme Court

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ANSWER KEY

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

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