# Final Exam — Practice Test

**Missouri United States Government • 50 questions**

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**1** **According to John Locke, natural rights include**

- A life, liberty, and property
- B the right to vote in every election
- C free public education
- D trial by jury in all cases

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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 **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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## 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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## Source I - A Town Meeting Report

*Use this reading for question 9.*

Each spring, the voters of our town meet in the school gym. They debate the proposed budget line by line, and then every registered voter present casts a ballot. The budget that wins the most votes is the budget the town follows for the next year.

9 **Source I best illustrates the principle of**

A popular sovereignty

B judicial review

C federalism

D separation of powers

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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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26 **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 **An amendment proposed by Congress becomes part of the Constitution when it is ratified by**

A one half of the states

B two thirds of the states

C nine of the thirteen original states

D three fourths of the states

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28 **The federal bureaucracy mainly works to**

A make laws

B implement and enforce laws passed by Congress

C interpret the Constitution

D elect officials

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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** **Limited government means that**

- 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 capital of Missouri is**

- A St Louis
- B Jefferson City
- C Kansas City
- D Springfield

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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** How long is one term for the governor of Missouri

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

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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 Federalist Papers were written to**

A argue against the Constitution

B report daily news from Philadelphia

C argue in favor of ratifying the Constitution

D write laws for the states

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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

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| **1.** | A | **10.** | C | **19.** | C | **28.** | B | **37.** | A | **46.** | B |
| **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.** | C |
| **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.** | A | **18.** | B | **27.** | D | **36.** | 60 | **45.** | 1787 | | |

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