SOUTH DAKOTA UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT · UNIT 2

Institutions and Participation — Practice Test

South Dakota United States Government • 25 questions

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

ANSWER _____

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2 **How long is a term for a member of the House of Representatives?**

A 2 years

B 4 years

C 6 years

D 8 years

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

ANSWER _____

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4 **What is the minimum age to serve in the United States Senate?**

A 21

B 25

C 30

D 35

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5 **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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6 **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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7 **In an impeachment case, which describes the roles of the two houses?**

A The Senate brings charges and the House holds the trial

B The Supreme Court brings charges and the Senate holds the trial

C The House brings charges and the Senate holds the trial

D The president brings charges and the House holds the trial

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8 **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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9 **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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10 **How many electoral votes must a presidential candidate win to win the presidency?**

ANSWER _____

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11 **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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12 **A treaty made by the president must be approved by**

- A two thirds of the Senate
- B a simple majority of the House
- C a simple majority of the Senate
- D the Supreme Court

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13 **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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14 **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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Federal judges serve

A during good behavior

B two year terms

C six year terms

D until the president who appointed them leaves office

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How many justices serve on the Supreme Court?

ANSWER _____

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17 **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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18 **A group that meets with legislators to persuade them to support a bill is engaged in**

A campaigning

B lobbying

C gerrymandering

D filing a lawsuit

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19 **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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20 **Which amendment gave women the right to vote?**

A The Nineteenth Amendment

B The Fifteenth Amendment

C The Twenty Sixth Amendment

D The Seventeenth Amendment

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21 **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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22 **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 I - A Bill and a Veto

Use this reading for question 23.

The House of Representatives and the Senate both passed a bill to fund a new national park program. The president returned the bill unsigned with a written message explaining his objections. Leaders in Congress announced they would try to pass the bill over the president's objection.

23 **To pass the bill over that objection, each house must vote by**

- **A** a simple majority
- **B** three fourths
- **C** a unanimous vote
- **D** two thirds

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Source II - Residents Work for a Bill

Use this reading for question 24.

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.

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

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

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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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ANSWER KEY

1.	435	**10.**	270	**19.**	C
2.	A	**11.**	B	**20.**	A
3.	6	**12.**	A	**21.**	C
4.	C	**13.**	B	**22.**	B
5.	D	**14.**	B	**23.**	D
6.	D	**15.**	A	**24.**	A
7.	C	**16.**	9	**25.**	D
8.	C	**17.**	C		
9.	B	**18.**	B		

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