Final Exam — Practice Test

Vermont United States Government • 50 questions

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1 **Under a compromise at the Constitutional Convention, 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 **Shays Rebellion showed that the government under the Articles of Confederation was**

A the states had too little power

B the central government was too weak to help maintain order

C the president had too much power

D Congress had too large an army

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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 **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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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 **The clause that allows Congress to make laws necessary and proper to carry out its powers 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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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 **Which of the following best describes the principle that government power is restricted?**

- 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 Vermont is**

- A Burlington
- B Montpelier
- C Rutland
- D Barre

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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 Vermont

A 2 years

B 4 years

C 6 years

D 8 years

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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

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

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