

Civics Final Exam – Part 1

Part I: Multiple Choice - Circle the correct answer.

1. What is the supreme law of the United States?
A. Bill of Rights
B. Constitution
C. Declaration of Independence
D. Articles of Confederation
2. The first ten amendments are known as the:
A. Federalist Papers
B. Bill of Rights
C. Civil Rights Act
D. Articles of Confederation
3. Which branch of government makes laws?
A. Executive
B. Legislative
C. Judicial
D. Military
4. Which branch of government enforces laws?
A. Executive
B. Legislative
C. Judicial
D. Cabinet
5. Which branch interprets laws?
A. Executive
B. Legislative
C. Judicial
D. Military
6. The system that prevents any branch from becoming too powerful is called:
A. Federalism
B. Checks and balances
C. Popular sovereignty
D. Democracy
7. The U.S. Congress is made up of:
A. Senate and Cabinet
B. House and Senate
C. President and Senate
D. Courts and Senate
8. Each state has how many Senators?
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
9. Members of the House of Representatives serve terms of:
A. 2 years
B. 4 years
C. 6 years
D. 8 years
10. Senators serve terms of:
A. 2 years
B. 4 years
C. 6 years
D. 8 years
11. The President serves a term of:
A. 2 years
B. 4 years
C. 6 years
D. 8 years
12. The highest court in the United States is the:
A. District Court
B. State Court
C. Supreme Court
D. Federal Court
13. Federalism means power is shared between:
A. Citizens & leaders
B. National & state governments
C. Courts and Congress
D. Military and police

14. The Declaration of Independence was signed in:
A. 1776
B. 1787
C. 1800
D. 1865
15. Who wrote most of the Declaration of Independence?
A. George Washington
B. Thomas Jefferson
C. Benjamin Franklin
D. James Madison
16. The Constitution was written in:
A. 1776
B. 1787
C. 1801
D. 1865
17. Freedom of speech is protected by the:
A. 1st Amendment
B. 2nd Amendment
C. 4th Amendment
D. 10th Amendment
18. The right to bear arms is protected by the:
A. 1st Amendment
B. 2nd Amendment
C. 5th Amendment
D. 8th Amendment
19. Which amendment ended slavery?
A. 13th
B. 14th
C. 15th
D. 19th
20. Which amendment gave women the right to vote?
A. 13th
B. 15th
C. 19th
D. 26th
21. The Vice President presides over the:
A. House
B. Senate
C. Supreme Court
D. Cabinet
22. The leader of the House of Representatives is the:
A. President
B. Chief Justice
C. Speaker of the House
D. Majority Leader
23. The President's advisors are called the:
A. Congress
B. Cabinet
C. Senate
D. Council
24. The Electoral College selects the:
A. Congress
B. President
C. Supreme Court
D. Governors
25. The number of electoral votes a state has depends mostly on its:
A. Land size
B. Population
C. Wealth
D. Age
26. A change to the Constitution is called an:
A. Law
B. Amendment
C. Clause
D. Act
27. How many amendments are currently in the Constitution?
A. 10
B. 15
C. 27
D. 50

28. The first U.S. government plan was the:
A. Constitution
B. Articles of Confederation
C. Bill of Rights
D. Federalist Papers
29. The Articles of Confederation created a:
A. Strong central government
B. Weak central government
C. Monarchy
D. Dictatorship
30. The Federalist Papers supported the:
A. Constitution
B. British government
C. Articles of Confederation
D. Monarchy
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Part II: True or False - Write (T) for True or (F) for False.

31. ____ The Constitution created the U.S. government.
32. ____ Congress has two houses.
33. ____ The President writes laws.
34. ____ Senators serve 6-year terms.
35. ____ The Supreme Court interprets laws.
36. ____ The Constitution cannot be changed.
37. ____ The 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote
38. ____ Voting is a civic responsibility.
39. ____ Taxes help pay for government services.
40. ____ The President can veto laws.
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Part III: Fill in the Blank

41. The first ten amendments are called the _____.
42. The branch that makes laws is the _____ branch.
43. The branch that enforces laws is the _____ branch.
44. The branch that interprets laws is the _____ branch.
45. The leader of the executive branch is the _____.
46. The highest court is the _____.
47. The document beginning with "We the People" is the _____.
48. Citizens must be at least _____ years old to vote.
49. A group of advisors to the President is the _____.
50. Citizens participate in government by _____.