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## **United States Constitution Test Form B**

### **Amending the Constitution – Multiple Choice**

**1. What are the two ways of changing the constitution?**

- a. Ratification b. selection c. Proposing d. both A and C e. both B and C

**2. Congress may propose amendments to the constitution approved by a \_\_\_\_ majority in each house of congress?**

- a. 1/5th b. 3/4th c. 2/3s d. simple majority

**3. In order to ratify an amendment to the constitution, \_\_\_\_\_ of all states have to approve.**

- a. 1/5th b. 3/4th c. 2/3s d. simple majority

### **The Two Party System & the Electoral College – Multiple Choice**

**4. What are the symbols of America's two dominant political parties?**

- a. Dolphin b. Elephant c. Donkey d. Mule e. both B and C

**5. Conservatives are normally associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ party.**

- a. Libertarian b. Federalist c. Republican d. Democratic

**6. Liberalism is closely associated with what political party?**

- a. Libertarian b. Federalist c. Republican d. Democratic

**7. There are a total of \_\_\_\_\_ electors in the Electoral College?**

- a. 435 b. 100 c. 538 d. 236

**8. What state has the highest number of electoral votes in the country?**

- a. Illinois b. California c. Texas d. New York

**9. What is the equation for understanding how each state receives its electoral votes?**

- a. # of representatives divided by its Senators  
b. # of representatives plus # of Senators = number of each states electors  
c. # of representatives plus number of states divided by number of Senators  
d. # of representatives plus number of governors plus number of senators

**10. What kind of majority is needed to win in the Electoral College?**

- a. simple majority b. super majority c. absent majority d. ruling majority

**11. The number needed to be reached or passed in order to win the Electoral College is?**

- a. 376 b. 271 c. 269 d. 365

### **Other Duties of Congress – Multiple Choice**

**12. The Elastic Clause of the Constitution gives \_\_\_\_\_ the power to create laws that may be both necessary and proper.**

- a. President b. Congress c. The Judicial d. The States

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**13. Laws that are actually expressed in the constitution are also known as?**

- a. enumerated powers    b. congruent powers    c. affiliated powers    d. elastic powers

**14. Laws that are not actually mentioned in the constitution but are believed to fall under one branch of government or the other are called?**

- a. enumerated powers    b. congruent powers    c. implied powers    d. elastic powers

**True or False:** Indicate if the following statements are **True** or **False**. (Use the correct letter to indicate your answer)

a. **TRUE**                      b. **FALSE**

15. \_\_\_\_\_ States have the right to make treaties with other countries.

16. \_\_\_\_\_ Sonia Sotomayor is the first Latino/Hispanic woman ever appointed to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

17. \_\_\_\_\_ The Congress can override a President's veto on a bill by voting with a two-thirds majority in both houses of congress.

18. \_\_\_\_\_ The first step of a bill becoming a law is the approval of the Senate.

19. \_\_\_\_\_ The President can call special sessions of congress.

20. \_\_\_\_\_ Supervising the coining and printing of money is the responsibility of the U.S. Treasury Department.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ The Judicial Branch has the power to declare laws unconstitutional.

22. \_\_\_\_\_ The U.S. Capitol Building is located in Los Angeles California.

23. \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Nixon has been the only President of the United States to ever resign from office after being impeached.

24. \_\_\_\_\_ Barrack Obama is the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court.

25. \_\_\_\_\_ Currently, the U.S. Senate is made up of 100 members representing each of the 50 states.

26. \_\_\_\_\_ In order to run for Congress/House of representatives a person must be at least 25 years of age, be a born or naturalized citizen and live in the state they represent for 7 consecutive years.

27. \_\_\_\_\_ The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court serves as the head of the court.

28. \_\_\_\_\_ In the system of checks and balances, the Senate has power over the Executive branch by confirming all appointments to the Federal bench made by the President.

29. \_\_\_\_\_ All Federal Judges are appointed for a minimum of 10 years.

30. Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman ever pointed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

31. \_\_\_\_\_ President Obama serves as the Nation's first elected African-American.

32. \_\_\_\_\_ There are 53 states in the United States.

33. \_\_\_\_\_ Only the Congress of the United Sates has the power to admit new states into the nation.

34. \_\_\_\_\_ In order to create our new government, the founding fathers took ideas from both the New Jersey Plan and the Virginia Plan to design our current Legislative Branch.

35. \_\_\_\_\_ Republicanism describes a government in which the people elect representatives to serve their interests.

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### **The Preamble of the Constitution**

36. In the Preamble the word POSTERITY refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. our long term future    b. our lives    c. our ability to endure    d. our freedom
37. The Preamble serves as an introduction to the foundations of our Constitution.    **a. True    b. False**
38. Guaranteeing us a free education is one of the principles listed in the Preamble.    **a. True    b. False**
39. The Preamble describes the role of the Executive branch.    **a. True    b. False**

### **Multiple Choice:**

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the first person in line on the Presidential line of succession.

- a. The Governor    b. the Vice-President    c. the Chief Justice    d. US Senator

41. Who is the President of the United States?

- a. George Bush    b. Bill Clinton    c. Barack Obama    d. Dick Chaney

42. How many terms can a president serve?    a. 1    b. 5    c. 2 consecutive terms    d. 3

43. What do the stars on the American Flag represent?

- a. 50 states    b. the Bill of Rights    c. American Wars    d. the original colonies

44. The 13 stripes on the American flag represent the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Bill of Rights    b. Presidents    c. 13 original colonies    d. 50 states

45. Currently there are \_\_\_\_\_ amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

- a. 15    b. 27    c. 17    d. 26

46. The President of the United States is elected and serves for how long?

- a. 8 years    b. 4 years    c. 2 years    d. 6 years

47. The minimum age for a person to be able to run for President is?

- a. 40 years old    b. 35 years old    c. 26 years old    d. 30 years old

48. After a bill is approved by both houses of Congress it is sent to the \_\_\_\_\_ for final approval.

- a. Supreme Court    b. Governor    c. President of the United States    d. Attorney General

49. Which of the following is **NOT** one of the three branches of government?

- a. Executive Branch    b. Judicial Branch    c. Articles of Confederation    d. Legislative Branch

50. Which amendment gave women the right to vote?

- a. 1<sup>st</sup>    b. 19<sup>th</sup>    c. 21<sup>st</sup>    d. 27<sup>th</sup>

51. Each state is represented by \_\_\_\_\_ Senators in the U.S. Senate.

- a. 2    b. 4    c. 1    d. depends on population

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- 52. The number of Representatives each state has in the House of Representatives is determined by\_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. Size of the state      b. population in the state      c. number of homes      d. number of rich people
- 53. Who is the Vice-President of the United States?**  
a. Joe Biden      b. Richard Lugar      c. John Kerry      d. Al Gore
- 54. The \_\_\_\_\_ has the power to VETO bills.**  
a. President      b. Congress      c. Chief Judge      d. Governor
- 55. How many women have been elected President of the United States?**  
a. 12      b. 3      c. 0      d. 6
- 56. The Vice-President of the United States also serves as the\_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. President of the Senate      b. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court      c. Speaker of the House  
d. None of the Above
- 57. Which of the following is NOT an unalienable right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence?**  
a. Life      b. Free Education      c. Pursuit of Happiness      d. Liberty
- 58. The Declaration of Independence was written by \_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. Thomas Jefferson      b. Ben Franklin      c. Barrack Obama      d. John Adams
- 59. Which of the following is one of the roles performed by the President of the United States?**  
a. Commander in Chief      b. Chief Legislator      c. Chief of the Economy      d. Chief Diplomat  
e. All of the Above
- 60. There are \_\_\_\_\_ branches of government.**  
a. 5      b. 3      c. 2      d. 1
- 61. In order to be able to run for President a person must be\_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. A natural born citizen      b. 35 years of age      c. reside in the country for 14 years  
d. all of the above
- 62. Which of the following is NOT a right guaranteed by the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment?**  
a. Freedom of the press      b. freedom of religion      c. freedom of speech      d. the right to drive
- 63 In the system of checks and balances, the President has the power to do what over the Judicial Branch?**  
a. Elect congressmen      b. appoint Federal judges      c. appoint cabinet members      d. raise an army
- 64. The Judicial Branch uses the process of \_\_\_\_\_ to determine if a law is unconstitutional.**  
a. Judicial review      b. persuasion      c. power of the purse      d. veto
- 65. Which branch of government has the power to coin money, borrow money and power of the purse?**  
a. The judicial      b. the legislative      c. the executive      d. the national governors association

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**66. What amendment lowered the voting age to 18?**

- a. 14<sup>th</sup>   b. 26<sup>th</sup>   c. 3<sup>rd</sup>   d. 19<sup>th</sup>

**67. The President's Cabinet is made up of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. Judges   b. Senators   c. 15 Secretaries   d. the local school board

**68. There are \_\_\_\_\_ Justices on the United States Supreme Court.**

- a. 13   b. 3   c. 9   d. 1

**3 Branches of Government** - Use the following to answer the questions below:

**a. Executive Branch   b. The Legislative Branch   c. The Judicial Branch**

**69. \_\_\_\_\_** has 2 houses

**70. \_\_\_\_\_** enforces the laws

**71. \_\_\_\_\_** is the system of courts in the nation

**72. \_\_\_\_\_** interprets the laws

**73. \_\_\_\_\_** tries cases under the law

**74. \_\_\_\_\_** creates laws

**The House of Representatives & The Senate** - Use the following to answer the questions below:

**a. The Senate   b. The House of Representatives   c. both the House and the Senate  
d. neither the House or Senate**

**75. \_\_\_\_\_** women are allowed to serve

**76. \_\_\_\_\_** has a 6 year term in office

**77. \_\_\_\_\_** meets in the Capitol Building in Washington D.C.

**78. \_\_\_\_\_** has a 2 year term in office

**79. \_\_\_\_\_** has the Vice-President as its presiding officer

**80. \_\_\_\_\_** has 435 members

**81. \_\_\_\_\_** approves all Presidential appointments and ratifies the Presidents treaties

**82. \_\_\_\_\_** has 100 members

**83. \_\_\_\_\_** members are appointed by the president of the united States

**84. \_\_\_\_\_** has the power to make laws

**The President's Cabinet** – Match the cabinet position with the correct duty or responsibility

### **Duty or Responsibility**

**85. \_\_\_\_\_** is the chief legal officer of the nation

**86. \_\_\_\_\_** foreign affairs & diplomacy

**87. \_\_\_\_\_** monitors the nation's employment

### **Cabinet Position**

a. Secretary of Health & Human Services

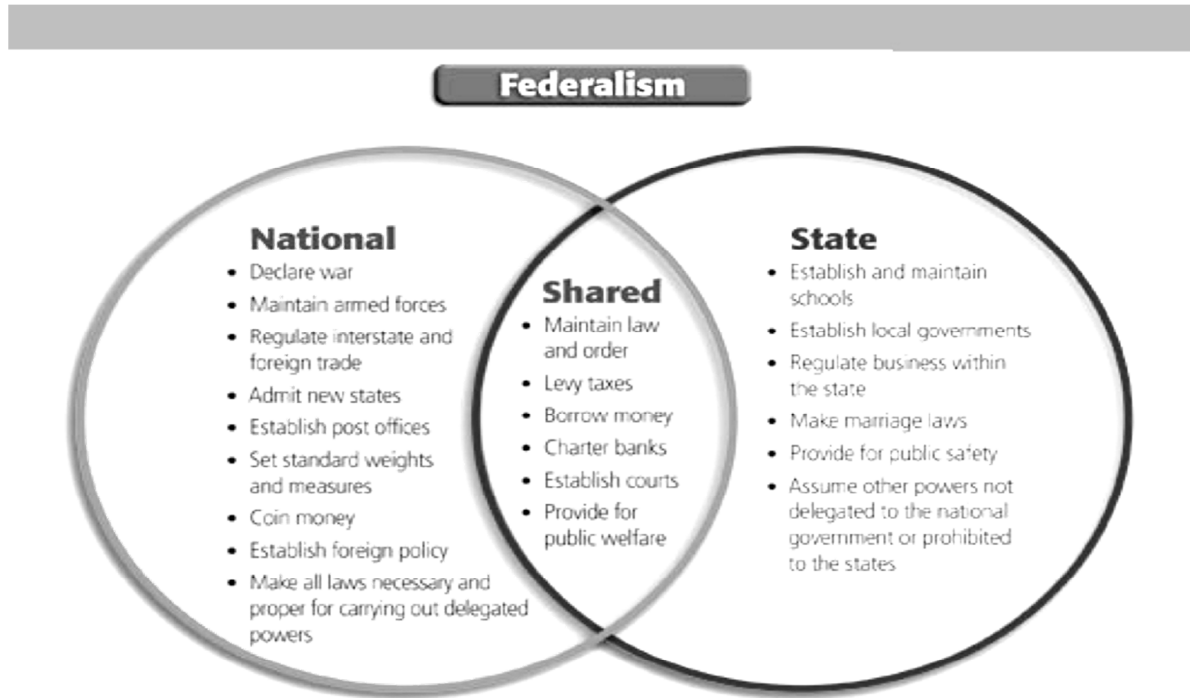
b. Secretary of Agriculture

c. The Secretary of Defense

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88. \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for airport security  
89. \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for Farm Programs  
90. \_\_\_\_\_ monitors the well being of the people  
91. \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for the nation's military
- d. Secretary of Labor  
e. Secretary of Homeland Security  
f. Secretary of State  
g. The Attorney General

Use the following the following diagram to answer the questions below:



a. Power of the National Government      b. Power of the State      c. Shared or Concurrent Power

92. According to the diagram above, the right to levy taxes is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
93. \_\_\_\_\_ the ability to declare war  
94. \_\_\_\_\_ the ability to establish courts  
95. \_\_\_\_\_ the ability to coin money  
96. \_\_\_\_\_ can make marriage laws  
97. \_\_\_\_\_ the ability to borrow money  
98. \_\_\_\_\_ establishes and maintains schools  
99. \_\_\_\_\_ admits new states  
100. \_\_\_\_\_ provides for the public welfare