

# DO NOT WRITE ON TEST

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7<sup>th</sup> Grade Test = 100 points

Article 1of the Constitution - The Legislative Branch

## Section 1: True or False

1. \_\_\_ The great compromise of 1787 freed slaves in America.
2. \_\_\_ The New Jersey Plan was favored by all of the large states.
3. \_\_\_ The Virginia plan was favored by the smaller states because representation was based on population.
4. \_\_\_ The House of Representatives is made up of 100 senators.
5. \_\_\_ The New Jersey plan created a bi-cameral legislature made up of two houses of congress.
6. \_\_\_ The U.S. Senate consists of 435 members.
7. \_\_\_ Congress meets at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington D.C.
8. \_\_\_ The elastic clause allows congress to stretch the truth when testifying in the Supreme Court.
9. \_\_\_ John McCain is a Senator representing the state of Illinois.
10. \_\_\_ The President of the United States has the power to declare war when needed.

## Section 2: Fill in the blanks

11. The U.S. House of Representatives is made up of \_\_\_\_\_members,  
a. 100      b. 135    c. 435    d. 50
12. Members of the House of Representatives serve \_\_\_\_ year terms.  
a. 2      b. 4      c. 6      d. 3.5
13. In order to run for the U.S. Senate, a person must be at least \_\_\_\_ years of age.  
a. 25      b. 30      c. 35      d. 40
14. According to its population, the State of Illinois has \_\_\_\_ representatives in Congress.  
a. 53      b. 18      c. 21      d. 30
15. Every ten years the population of the United States is counted. We call this process the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Great Migration    b. Census    c. National Count Day    d. Citizenship Day
16. In order to run for the U.S. Senate a person must first be \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. At least 30 years old  
b. A U.S. citizen for over 9 years  
c. Reside within the state they will represent  
d. All of the above
17. Which one of the following is not a requirement to run for Congress?  
a. Must be at least 25 years of age  
b. Must be a natural born citizen of the United States  
c. Reside within the state they will represent  
d. Be a U.S. Citizen for 7 years

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18. According to the Constitution, the main function of the Congress is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Run the government  
b. Enforce Laws  
c. Make Laws  
d. Interpret Laws
19. In order to help pay its bills, the constitution gives congress to do which of the following?  
a. Raise money and taxes  
b. Borrow money on the credit of the U.S.  
c. Coin Money  
d. All of the above
20. In order to protect the people, the constitution gives congress the power to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Create the police department  
b. Raise and maintain an army  
c. Create the FBI  
d. Create the Central Intelligence Agency
21. The constitutional powers to create laws that are both necessary and proper reside in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Declaration of Independence  
b. Articles of Confederation  
c. Elastic Clause  
d. Separation of Powers Clause
22. A good sample of Congress's ability to create laws under the elastic clause is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. The creation of new taxes to help pay for the Army  
b. The creation of more Federal Post Offices  
c. The creation of a law restricting how much garbage can be dumped into a landfill  
d. The creation of a new set of Citizenship laws for Naturalization
23. The two senators that represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate are \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Rick Garcia & David Pardo  
b. John McCain & Bill Frist  
c. Richard Durbin & Mark Kirk  
d. Bill Clinton & George Bush
24. This person serves as the President of the U.S. Senate.  
a. The President of the United States  
b. The Speaker of the House of Representatives  
c. The Vice-President of the United States  
d. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
25. Which one of the following is not a power given to congress under the Constitution?  
a. The power to raise money and taxes  
b. The power to raise and maintain an Army  
c. The Power to declare war  
d. The Power to make local laws enforcing driving speed limits on state highways