

CIVICS FINAL EXAM

Please study for your final exam. There will be no notes allowed on the final.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

A: Principles of American Democracy

1. What is the supreme law of the land?

- *the Constitution*

2. What does the Constitution do?

- *sets up the government*
- *defines the government*
- *protects basic rights of Americans*

3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?

- *We the People*

4. What is an amendment?

- *a change (to the Constitution)*
- *an addition (to the Constitution)*

5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

- *the Bill of Rights*

6. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?

- *speech*
- *religion*
- *assembly*
- *press*
- *petition the government*

7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?

- *twenty-seven (27)*

8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

- *announced our independence (from Great Britain)*
- *declared our independence (from Great Britain)*
- *said that the United States is free (from Great Britain)*

9. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?

- *life*
- *liberty*
- *pursuit of happiness*

10. What is freedom of religion?

- *You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.*

11. What is the economic system in the United States?

- *capitalist economy*
- *market economy*

12. What is the “rule of law”?

- *Everyone must follow the law.*
- *Leaders must obey the law.*
- *Government must obey the law.*
- *No one is above the law.*

B: System of Government

13. Name one branch or part of the government.

- *Congress*
- *legislative*
- *President*
- *executive*
- *the courts*
- *judicial*

14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

- *checks and balances*
- *separation of powers*

15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?

- *the President*

16. Who makes federal laws?

- *Congress*
- *Senate and House (of Representatives)*
- *(U.S. or national) legislature*

17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?

- *the Senate and House (of Representatives)*

18. How many U.S. Senators are there?

- *one hundred (100)*

19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?

- *six (6)*

20. Who is one of your state’s U.S. Senators now?

- *Patty Murray*
- *Maria Cantwell*

21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?

- *four hundred thirty-five (435)*

22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?

- *two (2)*

23. Name your U.S. Representative.

- *Denny Heck*

24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?

- *all people of the state*

25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?

- *(because of) the state's population*
- *(because) they have more people*
- *(because) some states have more people*

26. We elect a President for how many years?

- *four (4)*

27. In what month do we vote for President?

- *November*

28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?

- *Donald Trump*

29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?

- *Mike Pence*

30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

- *the Vice President*

31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

- *the Speaker of the House*

32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?

- *the President*

33. Who signs bills to become laws?

- *the President*

34. Who vetoes bills?

- *the President*

35. What does the President's Cabinet do?

- *advises the President*

36. What are two Cabinet-level positions?

- *Secretary of Agriculture*
- *Secretary of Commerce*
- *Secretary of Defense*
- *Secretary of Education*
- *Secretary of Energy*
- *Secretary of Health and Human Services*
- *Secretary of Homeland Security*
- *Secretary of Housing and Urban Development*
- *Secretary of the Interior*
- *Secretary of Labor*
- *Secretary of State*
- *Secretary of Transportation*
- *Secretary of the Treasury*
- *Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
- *Attorney General*
- *Vice President*

37. What does the judicial branch do?

- *reviews laws*
- *explains laws*
- *resolves disputes (disagreements)*
- *decides if a law goes against the Constitution*

38. What is the highest court in the United States?

- *the Supreme Court*

39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

- *Nine (9)*

40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?

- *John Roberts*

41. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?

- *to print money*
- *to declare war*
- *to create an army*
- *to make treaties*

42. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?

- *provide schooling and education*
- *provide protection (police)*
- *provide safety (fire departments)*
- *give a driver's license*
- *approve zoning and land use*

43. Who is the Governor of your state now?

- *Jay Inslee*

44. What is the capital of your state?

- *Olympia*

45. What are the two major political parties in the United States?

- *Democratic and Republican*

46. What is the political party of the President now?

- *Republican*

47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?

- *Nancy Pelosi*

C: Rights and Responsibilities

48. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.

- *Citizens eighteen (18) and older (can vote).*
- *You don't have to pay (a poll tax) to vote.*
- *Any citizen can vote. (Women and men can vote.)*
- *A male citizen of any race (can vote).*

49. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?

- *serve on a jury*
- *vote in a federal election*

50. Name one right only for United States citizens.

- *vote in a federal election*
- *run for federal office*

51. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?

- *freedom of expression*
- *freedom of speech*
- *freedom of assembly*
- *freedom to petition the government*
- *freedom of religion*
- *the right to bear arms*

52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?

- *the United States*
- *the flag*

53. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?

- *give up loyalty to other countries*
- *defend the Constitution and laws of the United States*
- *obey the laws of the United States*
- *serve in the U.S. military (if needed)*
- *serve (do important work for) the nation (if needed)*
- *be loyal to the United States*

54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?

- *eighteen (18) and older*

55. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

- *vote*
- *join a political party*
- *help with a campaign*
- *join a civic group*
- *join a community group*
- *give an elected official your opinion on an issue*
- *call Senators and Representatives*
- *publicly support or oppose an issue or policy*
- *run for office*
- *write to a newspaper*

56. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?

- *April 15*

57. When must all men register for the Selective Service?

- *at age eighteen (18)*
- *between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)*

AMERICAN HISTORY

A: Colonial Period and Independence

58. What is one reason colonists came to America?

- *freedom*
- *political liberty*
- *religious freedom*
- *economic opportunity*
- *practice their religion*
- *escape persecution*

59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

- *American Indians*
- *Native Americans*

60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?

- *Africans*
- *people from Africa*

61. Why did the colonists fight the British?

- *because of high taxes (taxation without representation)*
- *because the British army stayed in their houses (boarding, quartering)*
- *because they didn't have self-government*

62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

- *(Thomas) Jefferson*

63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

- *July 4, 1776*

64. There were 13 original states. Name three.

- *New Hampshire*
- *Massachusetts*
- *Rhode Island*
- *Connecticut*
- *New York*
- *New Jersey*
- *Pennsylvania*
- *Delaware*
- *Maryland*
- *Virginia*
- *North Carolina*
- *South Carolina*
- *Georgia*

65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

- *The Constitution was written.*
- *The Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution.*

66. When was the Constitution written?

- *1787*

67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.

- *(James) Madison*
- *(Alexander) Hamilton*
- *(John) Jay*
- *Publius*

68. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?

- *U.S. diplomat*
- *oldest member of the Constitutional Convention*
- *first Postmaster General of the United States*
- *writer of "Poor Richard's Almanac"*
- *started the first free libraries*

69. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?

- *(George) Washington*

70. Who was the first President?

- *(George) Washington*

B: 1800s

71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?

- *the Louisiana Territory*
- *Louisiana*

72. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.

- *War of 1812*
- *Mexican-American War*
- *Civil War*
- *Spanish-American War*

73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.

- *the Civil War*
- *the War between the States*

74. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.

- *slavery*
- *economic reasons*
- *states' rights*

75. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?

- *freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation)*
- *saved (or preserved) the Union*
- *led the United States during the Civil War*

76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

- *freed the slaves*
- *freed slaves in the Confederacy*
- *freed slaves in the Confederate states*
- *freed slaves in most Southern states*

77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

- *fought for women's rights*
- *fought for civil rights*

C: Recent American History and Other Important Historical Information

78. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.

- *World War I*
- *World War II*
- *Korean War*
- *Vietnam War*
- *(Persian) Gulf War*

79. Who was President during World War I?

- *(Woodrow) Wilson*

80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?

- *(Franklin) Roosevelt*

81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?

- *Japan, Germany, and Italy*

82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?

- *World War II*

83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?

- *Communism*

84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

- *civil rights (movement)*

85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?*

- *fought for civil rights*
- *worked for equality for all Americans*

86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?

- *Terrorists attacked the United States.*

87. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.

[You may pick a federally recognized American Indian tribes not listed here.]

- *Cherokee*
- *Navajo*
- *Sioux*
- *Pueblo*
- *Apache*
- *Iroquois*
- *Seminole*
- *Cheyenne*
- *Lakota*
- *Crow*
- *Hopi*
- *Inuit*
- *Puyallup*
- *Muckleshoot*
- *Skokomish*
- *Nisqually*
- *Tulalip*

INTEGRATED CIVICS

A: Geography

88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.

- *Missouri (River)*
- *Mississippi (River)*

89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?

- *Pacific (Ocean)*

90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?

- *Atlantic (Ocean)*

91. Name one U.S. territory.

- *Puerto Rico*
- *U.S. Virgin Islands*
- *American Samoa*
- *Northern Mariana Islands*
- *Guam*

92. Name one state that borders Canada.

- *Maine*
- *New Hampshire*
- *Vermont*
- *New York*
- *Pennsylvania*
- *Ohio*
- *Michigan*
- *Minnesota*
- *North Dakota*
- *Montana*
- *Idaho*
- *Washington*
- *Alaska*

93. Name one state that borders Mexico.

- *California*
- *Arizona*
- *New Mexico*
- *Texas*

94. What is the capital of the United States?

- *Washington, D.C.*

95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?

- *New York (Harbor)*
- *Liberty Island*

[Also acceptable are New Jersey, near New York City, and on the Hudson (River)]

B: Symbols

96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

- *because there were 13 original colonies*
- *because the stripes represent the original colonies*

97. Why does the flag have 50 stars?

- *because there is one star for each state*
- *because each star represents a state*
- *because there are 50 states*

98. What is the name of the national anthem?

- *The Star-Spangled Banner*

C: Holidays

99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?

- *July 4*

100. Name two national U.S. holidays.

- *New Year's Day*
- *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- *Presidents' Day*
- *Memorial Day*
- *Independence Day*
- *Labor Day*
- *Columbus Day*
- *Veterans Day*
- *Thanksgiving*
- *Christmas*