

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States? Choose one:
- a. Freedom to petition the government and freedom to disobey traffic laws.
 - b. Freedom of worship and freedom to make treaties with other countries.
 - c. Freedom of speech and freedom to run for president.
 - d. Freedom of speech and freedom of worship.

Correct Answer: d. Freedom of speech and freedom of worship.

2. What is freedom of religion? Choose one:
- a. You can't choose the time you practice your religion.
 - b. You must choose a religion.
 - c. You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.
 - d. No one can practice a religion.

Correct Answer: c. You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.

3. Who is in charge of the executive branch? Choose one:
- a. The Speaker of the House.
 - b. The Prime Minister.
 - c. The President.
 - d. The Chief Justice.

Correct Answer: c. The President.

4. Name one branch or part of the government. Choose one:
- a. State government.
 - b. Legislative.
 - c. Parliament.
 - d. United Nations.

Correct Answer: b. Legislative.

5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution? Choose one:
- a. The Articles of Confederation.
 - b. The inalienable rights.
 - c. The Declaration of Independence.
 - d. The Bill of Rights.

Correct Answer: d. The Bill of Rights.

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

- a. Make treaties.
- b. Provide schooling and education.
- c. Create an army.
- d. Coin or print money.

Correct Answer: b. Provide schooling and education.

7. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military? Choose one:

- a. The President.
- b. The Vice-President.
- c. The Secretary of Defense.
- d. The Attorney General.

Correct Answer: a. The President.

8. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President? Choose one:

- a. President of the Senate
- b. Speaker of the House
- c. Governor of the most populous state
- d. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Correct Answer: b. Speaker of the House

9. Who vetoes bills? Choose one:

- a. The President
- b. The Vice President
- c. The Senate
- d. The House of Representatives

Correct Answer: a. the President

10. What does the President's Cabinet do?

- a. Advises the president
- b. Selects the Vice President
- c. Runs the government when the President travels
- d. Negotiates treaties with foreign nations

Correct Answer: a. Advises the President

11. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years? Choose one:

- a. Ten (10).
- b. Four (4).
- c. Two (2).
- d. Six (6).

Correct Answer: d. Six (6).

12. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful? Choose one:

- a. The President.
- b. Checks and balances.
- c. The people.
- d. Freedom of speech.

Correct Answer: b. Checks and balances.

13. We elect a President for how many years? Choose one:

- a. Eight (8).
- b. Two (2).
- c. Four (4).
- d. Ten (10).

Correct Answer: c. Four (4).

14. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words? Choose one:

- a. We the People.
- b. Congress shall make.
- c. We the British.
- d. We the Colonists.

Correct Answer: a. We the People.

15. Who makes federal laws? Choose one:

- a. Congress.
- b. The states.
- c. The President.
- d. The Supreme Court.

Correct Answer: a. Congress.

16. What is the highest court in the United States? Choose one:

- a. Federal Appeals Court
- b. Supreme Court
- c. Circuit Court
- d. International Court of Justice

Correct Answer: b. Supreme Court

17. What is the "rule of law"? Choose one:
- a. Everyone but the President must follow the law.
 - b. Government does not have to follow the law.
 - c. All laws must be the same in every state.
 - d. Everyone must follow the law.

Correct Answer: d. Everyone must follow the law.

18. What does the Constitution do? Choose one:
- a. Defines the government.
 - b. Sets up the government.
 - c. Protects basic rights of Americans.
 - d. All of these answers.

Correct Answer: d. All of these answers.

19. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
- a. 9
 - b. 5
 - c. 12
 - d. 3

Correct Answer: a. 9

20. When is the last day you can send in your federal income tax forms?
- a. December 31
 - b. February 1
 - c. June 1
 - d. April 15

Correct Answer: d. April 15

21. What are the two major political parties in the United States today? Choose one:
- a. Reform and Green.
 - b. American and Bull-Moose.
 - c. Democratic-Republican and Whig.
 - d. Democrat and Republican.

Correct Answer: d. Democrat and Republican.

22. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government? Choose one:
- a. To provide police departments.
 - b. To issue driver's licenses.
 - c. To make treaties.
 - d. To provide schooling.

Correct Answer: c. To make treaties.

23. Who does a U.S. Senator represent? Choose one:
- a. All people of the state in which (s)he was elected.
 - b. All people of the state who belong to the Senator's political party.
 - c. The state legislatures.
 - d. Only the people in the state who voted for the Senator.

Correct Answer: a. All people of the state in which (s)he was elected.

24. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President? Choose one:
- a. Thirty-five (35) or older.
 - b. Sixteen (16) or older.
 - c. Twenty-one (21) or older.
 - d. Eighteen (18) or older.

Correct Answer: d. Eighteen (18) or older.

25. What happened at the Constitutional Convention? Choose one:
- a. The Declaration of Independence was written.
 - b. The Emancipation Proclamation was written.
 - c. The Constitution was written.
 - d. The Virginia Declaration of Rights was written.

Correct Answer: c. The Constitution was written.

26. How many amendments does the Constitution have? Choose one:
- a. 19
 - b. 18
 - c. 25
 - d. 27

Correct Answer: d. 27

27. Name one U.S. Territory. Choose one:
- a. Hawaii
 - b. Cuba
 - c. Puerto Rico
 - d. Okinawa

Correct Answer: c. Puerto Rico

28. What does the judicial branch do? Choose one:
- a. Decides if a law goes against the Constitution.
 - b. Reviews laws.
 - c. Resolves disputes.
 - d. All of the above.

Correct Answer: d. All of the above.

29. Name one American Indian Tribe in the United States? Choose one:

- a. Cherokee
- b. Guarani
- c. Igbo
- d. Tuareg

Correct Answer: a. Cherokee

30. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? Choose one:

- a. Abraham Lincoln.
- b. James Madison.
- c. George Washington.
- d. Thomas Jefferson.

Correct Answer: d. Thomas Jefferson.

31. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy? Choose one:

- a. Write to a newspaper and call Senators and Representatives.
- b. Give an elected official your opinion on an issue and join a community group.
- c. Vote and join a civic group.
- d. All of these answers.

Correct Answer: d. All of these answers.

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

- a. Citizens seventeen (17) and older can vote.
- b. Citizens by birth only can vote.
- c. Citizens eighteen (18) and older can vote.
- d. Only citizens with a job can vote.

Correct Answer: c. Citizens eighteen (18) and older can vote.

33. Who signs bills to become laws? Choose one:

- a. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- b. The Vice President.
- c. The Secretary of State.
- d. The President.

Correct Answer: d. The President.

34. The House of Representatives has how many voting members? Choose one:

- a. Four hundred forty-one (441).
- b. Four hundred thirty-five (435).
- c. Two hundred (200).
- d. One hundred (100).

Correct Answer: b. Four hundred thirty-five (435).

35. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states? Choose one:
- a. Because the state's Representatives have seniority in the House of Representatives.
 - b. Because of the state's population.
 - c. Because of the geographical size of the state.
 - d. Because of the state's location.

Correct Answer: b. Because of the state's population.

36. What is an amendment? Choose one:
- a. An addition (to the Constitution).
 - b. The Preamble to the Constitution.
 - c. An introduction.
 - d. The beginning of the Declaration of Independence.

Correct Answer: a. An addition (to the Constitution).

37. What is the capital of the United States? Choose one:
- a. St. Louis, MO
 - b. Olympia, WA
 - c. New York, NY
 - d. Washington, DC

Correct Answer: d. Washington, DC

38. What are two Cabinet-level positions? Choose one:
- a. Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State
 - b. Governor of New York and Governor of California
 - c. First Lady and White House Spokesperson
 - d. President of the Senate and Speaker of the House

Correct Answer: a. Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State

39. What is the economic system in the United States? Choose one:
- a. Communist economy.
 - b. Capitalist economy.
 - c. Socialist economy.
 - d. None of these answers.

Correct Answer: b. Capitalist economy.

40. How many US senators does Utah have?
- a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4

Correct Answer: b

41. How many U. S. Representatives does Utah have?

- a. 3
- b. 4
- c. 5
- d. 6

Correct Answer: b. 4

42. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress? Choose one:

- a. The House of Representatives and the courts.
- b. The House of Lords and the House of Commons.
- c. The Senate and House of Representatives.
- d. The Senate and the courts.

Correct Answer: c. The Senate and House of Representatives.

43. What is the supreme law of the land? Choose one:

- a. The Articles of Confederation.
- b. The Constitution.
- c. The Emancipation Proclamation.
- d. The Declaration of Independence.

Correct Answer: b. The Constitution.

44. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years? Choose one:

- a. Six (6).
- b. Two (2).
- c. Four (4).
- d. Eight (8).

Correct Answer: b. Two (2).

45. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence? Choose one:

- a. Life and death.
- b. Life and pursuit of happiness.
- c. Liberty and justice.
- d. Life and the right to own a home.

Correct Answer: b. Life and pursuit of happiness.

46. What did the Declaration of Independence do? Choose one:

- a. Declared our independence from Great Britain.
- b. Declared our independence from France.
- c. Gave women the right to vote.
- d. Freed the slaves.

Correct Answer: a. Declared our independence from Great Britain.

47. What is one right or freedom granted by the First Amendment? Choose one:

- a. Trial by jury.
- b. To vote.
- c. To bear arms.
- d. Speech.

Correct Answer: d. Speech.

48. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do? Choose one:

- a. Gave the United States independence from Great Britain.
- b. Ended World War I.
- c. Gave women the right to vote.
- d. Freed slaves in most Southern states.

Correct Answer: d. Freed slaves in most Southern states.

49. How many U.S. senators are there?

- a. Fifty-two (52).
- b. Four hundred thirty-five (435).
- c. One hundred (100).
- d. Fifty (50).

Correct Answer: c. One hundred (100).

50. What is the title of the highest political official in a US state?

- a. Governor
- b. Lieutenant Governor
- c. Senate President
- d. Chief of Police

Correct Answer: a. Governor