U. S. Constitution Test  
(100 points) 

True or False: Put a “T” in the blank next to the statement if it is true. Put an “F” in the blank if the statement is false. (1 pt. each)

_____ 1. Congress has the authority to print and coin money.
_____ 2. The first 12 amendments are called the Bill of Rights.
_____ 3. Congress may write *ex post facto* laws.
_____ 4. The membership of the House of Representatives is based on equal representation from each state.
_____ 5. The Electoral College has 538 total votes.
_____ 6. Only the House of Representatives may write articles of impeachment.
_____ 7. Article I, section 8, paragraph 18 is known as the Necessary and Proper Clause or the Elastic Clause.
_____ 8. The required age to be a U.S. Senator is 35 years old.
_____ 9. The main function of Congress is to make laws.
_____ 10. Interpreting the nation’s laws is the responsibility of the Executive Branch.
_____ 11. The Senate serves as the trial body in cases of impeachment.
_____ 12. The House of Representatives approves treaties.
_____ 13. Only Congress can declare war.
_____ 14. The Electoral College votes of each state are divided by the two candidates with the most popular votes.
_____ 15. A *writ of habeas corpus* protects a person from unjust imprisonment.

Multiple Choice: In the blank provided, write the letter of the correct answer for each statement or question. (1 pt. each)

_____ 16. Which office holds the title of Commander-in-Chief?
   A. Speaker of the House  
   B. President  
   C. Chief Justice  
   D. Secretary of Defense

_____ 17. What is the least number of Congressmen (Representatives + Senators) a state can have?
   A. 2  
   B. 3  
   C. 4  
   D. 5
18. The U. S. House of Representatives has how many members?
   A. 50
   B. 100
   C. 435
   D. 535

19. The U. S. Senate has how many members?
   A. 50
   B. 100
   C. 435
   D. 535

20. The U. S. Supreme Court has how many justices?
   A. 6
   B. 7
   C. 8
   D. 9

21. What name is given to the President’s group of advisors?
   A. Executive Committee
   B. Secret Service
   C. Cabinet
   D. Supreme Court

22. The term of office for the President is how many years?
   A. 2
   B. 4
   C. 6
   D. 10

23. The term of office for a U. S. Senator is how many years?
   A. 2
   B. 4
   C. 6
   D. 10

24. The term of office for a U. S. Representative is how many years?
   A. 2
   B. 4
   C. 6
   D. 10
25. In what month are federal elections held?

A. January
B. March
C. July
D. November

Complete: Fill in the blanks a check and balance one branch may exert over the other.
Watch the direction of the arrows! (1 pt per blank)

Example: Executive Branch → Legislative Branch

Executive Branch

Judicial Branch ← Legislative Branch

Fill in the blanks of the following paragraph to complete the process of a bill
becoming a law. (1 pt. per blank)

Once a bill is written, it is sent to _________________. If it fails, it __________. If it
passes, it goes to the _________________ for debate and vote. If it passes, it goes
to _________________. If it passes there, it is sent to the _________________. This office has
_______ days to act. If it is signed or no action is taken, the bill _________________. If
the bill is vetoed, it returns to _________________. A vote of _______ majority is
necessary to override the veto. If that majority is achieved in both houses, the bill becomes a law; if
not, the bill ________.
Fill in the blank to complete the following statement: (1 pt. per blank)

Election day is the first _______________ following the first _______________ in the month of _______________ every _______________ - numbered year.

Sequence: Number the following positions in the correct order from 1-4, for succession to the Presidency: (1 pt. each)

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<th>Speaker of the House</th>
<th>Secretary of State</th>
<th>Vice President</th>
<th>President pro tempore of the Senate</th>
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Matching: Match a number from the box with the correct amendment described below: (1 pt. each)

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<td>______</td>
<td>56. protection from excessive bail and from cruel and unusual punishment</td>
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<td>57. established the right to vote regardless of race</td>
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<td>58. prohibits unreasonable search and seizure</td>
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<td>59. established the line of succession to the Presidency</td>
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<td>60. freedom of press, speech, religion, and assembly</td>
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<td>61. limits a person to two terms as President</td>
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<td>62. repealed another amendment</td>
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<td>63. right to a speedy trial as well as a trial by jury</td>
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<td>64. freed the slaves</td>
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<td>65. made former slaves U. S. citizens</td>
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<td>66. protects citizens from having to testify against themselves</td>
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<td>67. women’s right to vote</td>
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<td>68. right to bear arms</td>
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<td>69. right to vote at age 18</td>
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<td>70. established an income tax</td>
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<td>71. prevents the quartering of soldiers during peace time</td>
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<td>72. changed the way the President and Vice President are chosen</td>
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<td>73. limits Congressional pay increases</td>
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Listing: List the topic covered by each Article of the U. S. Constitution. (1 pt. each)

74. Article I _______________________________________
75. Article II _______________________________________
76. Article III _______________________________________
77. Article IV _______________________________________
78. Article V _______________________________________
79. Article VI _______________________________________
80. Article VII _______________________________________

List six reasons given for writing the U. S. Constitution. (2 pts. each)

81. __________________________________________________
82. __________________________________________________
83. __________________________________________________
84. __________________________________________________
85. __________________________________________________
86. __________________________________________________

87. Where in the Constitution are these reasons found? _________________________________

List the name of the person currently holding the following offices: (2 pts. each)

88. The U. S. Representative from your District _________________________________
89-90. The two U. S. Senators from your state _______________________________________
________________________________________________

Extra Credit: (10 total possible extra points)

Name the person currently holding any of the following positions: (1 possible pt. each)

President of the Senate, Chief Justice, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Speaker of the House

Explain a Pocket Veto (5 possible pts.)