

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

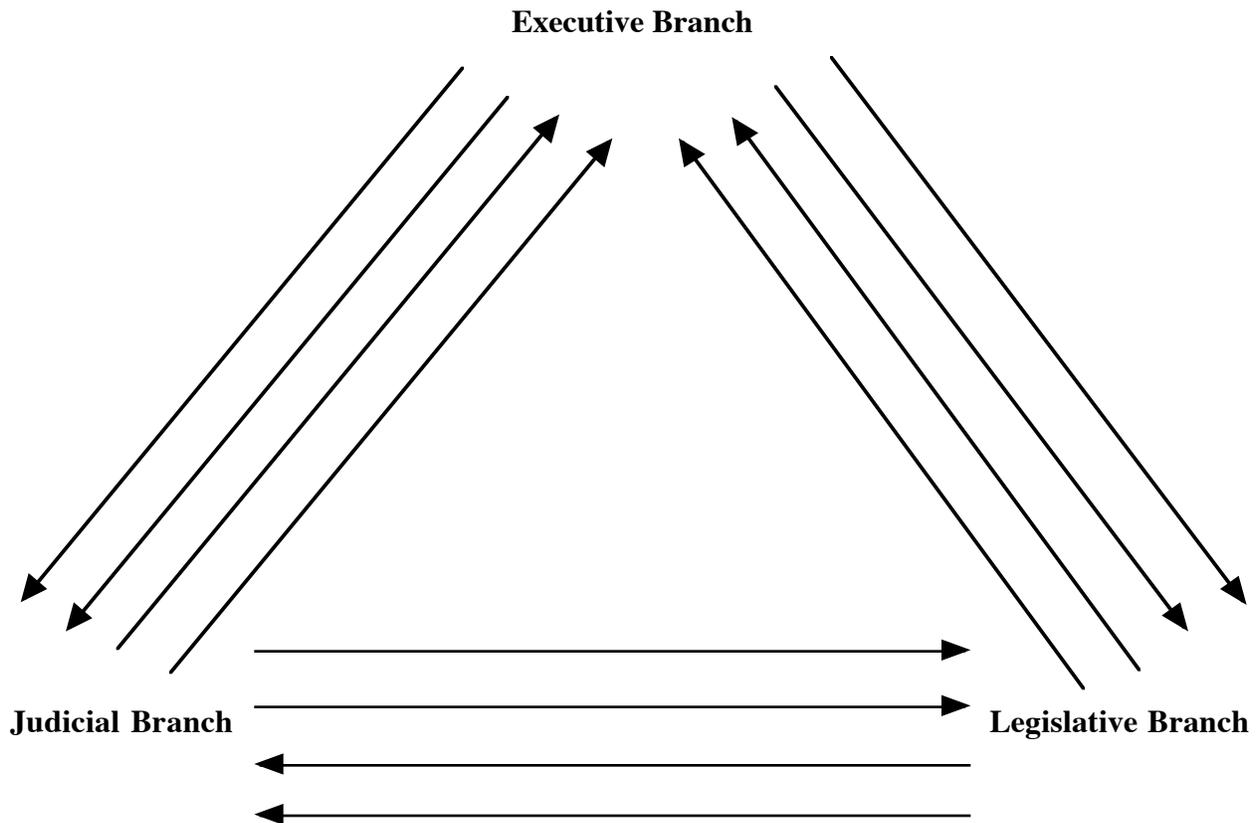
_____ 25. In what month are federal elections held?

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- 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 $\xrightarrow{\text{veto}}$ *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)

- _____ Speaker of the House
- _____ Secretary of State
- _____ Vice President
- _____ President *pro tempore* of the Senate

Matching: Match a number from the box with the correct amendment described below: (1 pt. each)

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 repealed another amendment | |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

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.)