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The Constitution Test A

Fill in the circle of the correct answer. (100 points – 2 points per question)

- 1) What part of the Constitution lists its six goals and states that the people of the United States are the authority for the Constitution?
 - a. the first seven articles
 - b. the Bill of Rights
 - c. the Preamble
 - d. the First Amendment
- 2) To which branch of government does the Constitution give the power to make laws for United States?
 - a. the military branch
 - b. the legislative branch
 - c. the judicial branch
 - d. the executive branch
- 3) What is the number of years in one term for a member of the House of Representatives?
 - a. four years
 - b. six years
 - c. two years
 - d. one year
- 4) How old must a person be in order to become a member of the House of Representatives?
 - a. at least twenty-one
 - b. at least twenty-five
 - c. at least thirty
 - d. at least thirty-five
- 5) How is the number of representatives that serve in the House of Representatives from each state decided?
 - a. by population of the particular state
 - b. by the land area of a particular state
 - c. by the number of large cities in a particular state
 - d. by the year in which a particular state was admitted to the Union.
- 6) How many representatives make up the House of Representatives?
 - a. 300
 - b. 435
 - c. 475
 - d. 500
- 7) Who has the power to impeach a high public official?
 - a. the Senate
 - b. the Supreme Court
 - c. the House of Representatives
 - d. the President
- 8) How many senators are elected from each state?
 - a. ten
 - b. six
 - c. three
 - d. two
- 9) What is the number of years in a term of office for a senator?
 - a. two years
 - b. four years
 - c. six years
 - d. eight years
- 10) How old must a person be in order to be a senator?
 - a. at least 25
 - b. at least 30
 - c. at least 35
 - d. at least 40
- 11) In order to be elected to the Senate, how long must a person have been a citizen of the United States?
 - a. three years
 - b. seven years
 - c. nine years
 - d. twelve years
- 12) Who generally presides over meetings of the Senate?
 - a. the Secretary of State
 - b. the Speaker
 - c. the Vice President
 - d. the Chief Justice
- 13) How many members of the House of Representatives or the Senate must be present to hold meetings for business?
 - a. a quorum
 - b. all senators and representatives
 - c. all but the Speaker
 - d. all but the Vice President

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- 14) Where must all bills for raising money begin?
- a. in the Senate
 - b. in the House of Representatives
 - c. in the Senate Finance Committee
 - d. in the President's Cabinet
- 15) How can Congress override the Presidential veto of a bill?
- a. by a one-third vote in both houses
 - b. by taking it to the Supreme Court
 - c. by a two-thirds vote in both houses
 - d. by a 100 percent vote in both houses
- 16) What does the process of naturalization concern?
- a. the postal service
 - b. copyright laws
 - c. coining money
 - d. becoming a citizen
- 17) What do patents protect?
- a. written materials
 - b. materials mailed from the U.S. post office.
 - c. inventions
 - d. foreign residents of the United States
- 18) What is one power that is reserved to Congress?
- a. to declare war
 - b. to appoint Supreme Court justices
 - c. to appoint cabinet members
 - d. to oversee education
- 19) How is the District of Columbia governed?
- a. by the State of Maryland
 - b. by Congress
 - c. by the President
 - d. by a court-appointed governor
- 20) What clause gives Congress the power to make all laws needed to carry out the powers granted in the first 17 clauses of Article I of the Constitution?
- a. the provisional clause
 - b. the elastic clause
 - c. the defense clause
 - d. the three-fifths clause
- 21) What is the constitutional right that insures that a person cannot be held prisoner without just cause?
- a. bill of attainder
 - b. *habeas corpus*
 - c. *ex post facto*
 - d. Fifth Amendment
- 22) What is a law that makes unlawful something that was not illegal at the time it was done?
- a. a *habeas corpus* law
 - b. an *ex post facto* law
 - c. a bill of attainder
 - d. an enumerated law
- 23) What is one thing the U.S. Government is forbidden to do?
- a. gives titles of nobility
 - b. establish a postal service
 - c. pass copyright laws
 - d. control trade with other countries
- 24) What is one power that is denied to the states?
- a. providing public education
 - b. levying taxes
 - c. making treaties with other countries
 - d. providing health care services for its citizens
- 25) Who has the power to carry out laws?
- a. the Supreme Court
 - b. the President
 - c. the House of Representatives
 - d. the Senate
- 26) How long is the term of office of the President of the United States?
- a. two years
 - b. four years
 - c. five years
 - d. six years
- 27) Who elects the President and Vice President of the United States?
- a. state legislatures
 - b. the people of the nation
 - c. Congress
 - d. the electoral college