

US Civics Test 2017

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.

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.

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

4 Name one branch or part of the government. Choose one:

- (A) State government
- (B) Legislative
- (C) Parliament
- (D) United Nations

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

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

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

8 What is one reason colonists came to America? Choose one:

- (A) for the experience traveling across the ocean
- (B) freedom
- (C) to join a civic group
- (D) None of these answers.

9 Who is the "Father of Our Country"? Choose one:

- (A) George Washington
- (B) Thomas Jefferson
- (C) Abraham Lincoln
- (D) Patrick Henry

10 What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves? Choose one:

- (A) English
- (B) Africans
- (C) Canadians
- (D) Dutch

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)

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

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

- (A) eight (8)
- (B) two (2)
- (C) four (4)
- (D) ten (10)

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

15 Who makes federal laws? Choose one:

- (A) Congress
- (B) the states
- (C) the President
- (D) the Supreme Court

16 What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do? Choose one:

- (A) became a U.S. Senator
- (B) fought for civil rights
- (C) fought for women's suffrage
- (D) ran for President of the United States

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.

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.

19 Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived? Choose one:

- (A) American Indians
- (B) Floridians
- (C) no one
- (D) Canadians

20 What did Susan B. Anthony do? Choose one:

- (A) made the first flag of the United States
- (B) founded the Red Cross
- (C) was the first woman elected to the House of Representatives
- (D) fought for women's rights

- 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) Democratic 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

26 What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for? Choose one:

- (A) youngest member of the Constitutional Convention
- (B) inventor of the airplane
- (C) third President of the United States
- (D) U.S. diplomat

27 What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States? Choose one:

- (A) the accident at Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant occurred
- (B) Hurricane Andrew struck the United States
- (C) terrorists attacked the United States
- (D) the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor

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.

29 What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance? Choose one:

- (A) the United States
- (B) the President
- (C) Congress
- (D) the state where you live

30 Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? Choose one:

- (A) Abraham Lincoln
- (B) James Madison
- (C) George Washington
- (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.

32 There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Select the response that accurately describes one of them:

- (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.

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

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)

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.

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

37 What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens? Choose one:

- (A) pay taxes
- (B) obey the law
- (C) be respectful of others
- (D) serve on a jury

38 Why does the flag have 13 stripes? Choose one:

- (A) Because the stripes represent the original colonies.
- (B) Because the stripes represent the number of signatures on the U.S. Constitution.
- (C) Because it was considered lucky to have 13 stripes on the flag.
- (D) Because the stripes represent the members of the Second Continental Congress.

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.

40 When do we celebrate Independence Day? Choose one:

- (A) January 1
- (B) July 4
- (C) June 30
- (D) March 4

41 Name one right belonging only to United States citizens. Choose one:

- (A) freedom of religion
- (B) run for federal office
- (C) attend public school
- (D) freedom of speech

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

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

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)

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

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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)
- 50 Who was the first President? Choose one:
- (A) George Washington
 - (B) John Adams
 - (C) Thomas Jefferson
 - (D) Abraham Lincoln