**AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CITIZENSHIP TEST**

**A: Principles of American Democracy**

1. What is the supreme law of the land?

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2. What does the Constitution do?

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3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are those words?

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4. What is an amendment?

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5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

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6.What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?

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7.How many amendments does the Constitution have?

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8.What did the Declaration of Independencedo?

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9.What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?

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10.What is freedom of religion?

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11.What is the economic system in the United States?

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12.What is the “rule of law”?

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**B: System of Government**

13. Name one branch or part of the government.

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14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?

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15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?

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16. Who makes federal laws?

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17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?

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18. How many U.S. Senators are there?

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19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?

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20. Who is one of your state’s U.S. Senators now?

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21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?

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22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?

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23.Name your U.S. Representative.

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24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?

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25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?

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26. We elect a President for how many years?

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27. In what month do we vote for President?

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28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?

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29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?

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30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?

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31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes

President?

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32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?

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33. Who signs bills to become laws?

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34. Who vetoes bills?

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35. What does the President’s Cabinet do?

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36. Name them:

● Secretary of Agriculture

● Secretary of Commerce

● Secretary of Defense

● Secretary of Education

● Secretary of Energy

● Secretary of Health and Human Services

● Secretary of Homeland Security

● Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

● Secretary of the Interior

● Secretary of Labor

● Secretary of State

● Secretary of Transportation

● Secretary of the Treasury

● Secretary of Veterans Affairs

● Attorney General

● Vice President

37. What does the judicial branch do?

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38. What is the highest court in the United States?

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39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

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40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?

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41. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?

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

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43. Who is the Governor of your state now?

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44. What is the capital of your state?

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45. What are the two major political parties in the United States?

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46. What is the political party of the President now?

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47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?

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**C: Rights and Responsibilities**

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

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49. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?

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50. Name one right only for United States citizens.

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51. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?

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52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?

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53. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?

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54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?

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55. What are the ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?

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56. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?

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57.When must all men register for the Selective Service?

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**AMERICAN HISTORY**

**A: Colonial Period and Independence**

58.What are some reasons colonists came to America?

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59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

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60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?

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61. Why did the colonists fight the British?

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62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

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63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

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64. There were 13 original states. Name them.

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65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?

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66. When was the Constitution written?

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67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name the writers:

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68. What is Benjamin Franklin famous for?

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69. Who is the “Father of Our Country”?

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70. Who was the first President?

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**B: 1800s**

71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?

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72. Name wars fought by the United States in the 1800s.

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73. Names of the U.S. war between the North and the South.

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74. Name some of the problems that led to the Civil War.

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75. What important things did Abraham Lincoln do?

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76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

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77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

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**C: Recent American History and Other Important Historical Information**

78. Name some wars fought by the United States in the 1900s.

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79. Who was President during World War I?

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80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?

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81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?

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82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?

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83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?

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84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

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85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?

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86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?

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87. Name some major American Indian tribes in the United States.

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**INTEGRATED CIVICS**

**A: Geography**

88. Name the two longest rivers in the United States.

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89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?

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90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?

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91. Name our U.S. territories.

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92. Name the states that border Canada.

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93. Name states that borders Mexico.

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94. What is the capital of the United States?

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95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?

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**B: Symbols**

96.Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

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97. Why does the flag have 50 stars?

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98. What is the name of the national anthem?

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**C: Holidays**

99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?

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***100.*** Name our national U.S. holidays.

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