



Shelby County Schools
Citizenship Test
2017-2018



Name: _____ School: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Read each question and circle the letter next to the correct answer.

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
 - A. The Emancipation Proclamation
 - B. The Constitution
 - C. The Gettysburg Address
 - D. The Declaration of Independence
2. The idea of self-government is in the first 3 words of the Constitution. What are these words?
 - A. When in the
 - B. Four score and
 - C. We the people
 - D. Give me liberty
3. What is an amendment?
 - A. A change or addition to the Constitution
 - B. A court ruling
 - C. An original component of the Constitution
 - D. A branch of government
4. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
 - A. The Declaration of Independence
 - B. The Emancipation Proclamation
 - C. The Bill of Rights
 - D. The Monroe Doctrine
5. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
 - A. Freedom of Speech
 - B. Free Education
 - C. Right to vote
 - D. Right to a speedy trial
6. What is freedom of religion?
 - A. You must practice certain religions from a given list.
 - B. The government dictates religious practices.
 - C. You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.
 - D. The government makes all religion illegal.
7. Which of the following is a branch of the government?
 - A. Legislative
 - B. Federal Express
 - C. Public Libraries
 - D. Public Parks
8. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
 - A. The military
 - B. The Federal Reserve
 - C. The criminal justice system
 - D. Checks and balances
9. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
 - A. The Speaker of the House
 - B. The President of the United States
 - C. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - D. The Secretary of State
10. Who makes federal laws?
 - A. Congress
 - B. The President
 - C. The Supreme Court
 - D. The State Governor
11. What are the two parts of Congress?
 - A. The Senate and the House of Representatives
 - B. The House of Commons and the House of Lords
 - C. The Upper Chamber and the Lower Chamber
 - D. Congress and the Supreme Court
12. How many U.S. Senators are there?
 - A. 50
 - B. 100
 - C. 200
 - D. 435



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13. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?
A. 2 years
B. 4 years
C. 6 years
D. 8 years

14. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
A. 50
B. 100
C. 200
D. 435

15. Why do some states have more Representatives than others?
A. Because the original states are guaranteed a certain number of representatives
B. Because some states have more people than others
C. Because some states are physically larger than others
D. Because some states have higher voter turn-out than others

16. We elect a President for how many years?
A. For a 2 year term
B. For a 4 year term
C. For a 6 year term
D. For a life term

17. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
A. The Speaker of the House
B. The Governor
C. The Vice President
D. The First Lady

18. Who is Commander in Chief of the military?
A. The Secretary of State
B. The Secretary of Defense
C. The Secretary of War
D. The President

19. Who signs bills to become laws?
A. The President
B. The Speaker of the House
C. The Vice President
D. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

20. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
A. The Fascists and the Socialists?
B. The Conservatives and the Labor Party
C. The Whigs and the Federalists
D. The Democrats and the Republicans

21. Which of the following is a member of the President's cabinet?
A. The Secretary of State
B. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
C. The Speaker of the House
D. The Governor of Tennessee

22. What does the judicial branch do?
A. Makes laws
B. Reviews and explains laws
C. Vetos laws
D. Signs laws

23. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
A. 3
B. 5
C. 7
D. 9

24. Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
A. Ruth Bader Ginsberg
B. Donald Trump
C. John Roberts
D. Paul Ryan

25. What is the capital of Tennessee?
A. Nashville
B. Memphis
C. Knoxville
D. Chattanooga