



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



Shelby County Schools
Citizenship Test
2017-2018



Name: _____ **School:** _____ **Date:** _____

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

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. Vetoes 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