

Multiple Choice

- _____ 1. Among the broad purposes of the United States government spelled out in the Preamble to the Constitution is the obligation to
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 2. What did the smaller states fear during the framing of the Constitution that led to a series of compromise proposals?
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 3. Which of the following is among the purposes of government outlined in the Preamble to the Constitution?
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 4. If you live under a democratic government that conducts its own foreign and domestic policies, in an area with a territory of 50 square miles and a population of 50,000, that area qualifies as a
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 5. "Promote the general welfare" really means that
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 6. With the words, "We the People," the Constitution establishes its authority on the basis of
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 7. The legislative branch can check the judicial branch by its power to
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 8. A federal government is one in which
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 9. The President's power to veto an act of Congress is an example of
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 10. When there is a separation of powers,
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 11. Where does sovereignty rest in a dictatorship?
a. - b. - c. - d. -

- _____ 12. In Congress, screening bills for floor consideration is a major duty of
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 13. The regular period of time during which Congress conducts its business is called a
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 14. Members of Congress fill all of the following roles EXCEPT that of
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 15. Senators are elected to serve _____ terms.
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 16. According to the Constitution, who has the sole power to impeach the President?
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 17. All treaties must be approved by a two-thirds vote of
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 18. Who has the power to propose constitutional amendments?
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 19. In order to bring charges against the President or Vice President for misconduct in office, the House of Representatives is given
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 20. Congress shares foreign relations power with the
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 21. The duties of the House Rules Committee are best described as those of a
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 22. When the Senate's Republican caucus wants party members to vote for a bill, the person who determines how many votes can be counted on is the
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 23. In the Vice President's absence, the presiding officer of the Senate is the
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 24. Most measures introduced in the House die at which of these steps?
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 25. The purpose of a filibuster is to
a. - b. - c. - d. -

- _____ 26. The least number of presidential electors a State can have is
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 27. A formal duty assigned to the Vice President by the Constitution is to
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 28. What is the length of the term for a member of the U.S. House of
Representatives?
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 29. Which of the following is NOT a formal qualification for the presidency?
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 30. Which of the following is a typical sequence of events in the appointment
process?
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 31. The civil service was created partly to ensure that federal employees
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 32. The members of the President's Cabinet, after being appointed by the
President, are then subject to
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 33. The MAIN purpose of the National Security Council is to
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 34. The Federal Government can levy taxes on all of the following groups
EXCEPT
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 35. Public debt today is measured in _____ of dollars.
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 36. Two of the largest categories of federal spending are
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 37. A key role of the secretary of state is
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 38. What does the Constitutional principle of judicial review mean?
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- _____ 39. Which federal court has original jurisdiction over MOST cases heard in
federal court?
a. - b. - c. - d. -



- ___ 40. The Supreme Court's decision in *Marbury v. Madison* was important because it
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 41. The federal officers who make arrests, secure jurors, and capture escaped federal prisoners are
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 42. The Free Exercise Clause gives people the right to
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 43. Seditious speech is speech that urges others to
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 44. The right to privacy inherent in the concept of due process has been applied with the most controversy recently in cases involving
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 45. A(n) _____, requires the police to bring a prisoner before the court and explain why he or she should not be released.
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 46. The guarantee against double jeopardy protects a person from being tried
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 47. If a governor of California resigns or leaves office midterm the _____ serves the remainder of his term.
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 48. The _____ is a petition procedure by which voters may remove an elected official from office before the completion of his or her regular term.
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 49. As a type of local government, special districts are created to
a. - b. - c. - d. -
- ___ 50. The planning method most cities rely on to classify and control land use within their boundaries is called
a. -. b. - c. - d. -