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US Citizenship Practice Test*

1. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
 - a) American and Bull-Moose
 - b) Democratic and Republican
 - c) Democratic-Republican and Whigs
 - d) Reform and Green

2. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?
 - a) never travel outside the United States
 - b) give up loyalty to other countries
 - c) disobey the laws of the United States
 - d) not defend the Constitution and laws of the United States

3. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
 - a) Ohio River
 - b) Rio Grande River
 - c) Colorado River
 - d) Mississippi River

4. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
 - a) ended World War I
 - b) freed the slaves
 - c) gave women the right to vote
 - d) gave the United States independence from Great Britain

5. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
 - a) English
 - b) Canadians
 - c) Dutch
 - d) Africans

6. What is the supreme law of the land?
 - a) the Constitution
 - b) the Emancipation Proclamation
 - c) the Declaration of Independence
 - d) the Articles of Confederation

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7. Where is the Statue of Liberty?

- a) Long Island
- b) New York Harbor
- c) San Francisco Bay
- d) Boston Harbor

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

- a) obey the law
- b) pay taxes
- c) serve on a jury
- d) be respectful of others

9. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

- a) fought for women's rights
- b) founded the Red Cross
- c) the first woman elected to the House of Representatives
- d) made the first flag of the United States

10. What does the judicial branch do?

- a) resolves disputes
- b) decides if a law goes against the Constitution
- c) reviews laws
- d) all of these answers

11. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?

- a) youngest member of the Constitutional Convention
- b) third President of the United States
- c) inventor of the airplane
- d) U.S. diplomat

12. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

- a) Abraham Lincoln
- b) James Madison
- c) George Washington
- d) Thomas Jefferson

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13. What does the President's Cabinet do?

- a) commands the U.S. Armed Forces
- b) makes laws
- c) all of the above
- d) advises the President

14. Why did the colonists fight the British?

- a) because they didn't have self-government
- b) all of these answers
- c) because the British army stayed in their houses
- d) because of high taxes

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

- a) Hurricane Andrew struck the United States.
- b) The accident at Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant occurred.
- c) Terrorists attacked the United States.
- d) The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

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

- a) Joe Biden
- b) Barack Obama
- c) John G. Roberts, Jr.
- d) Anthony Kennedy

17. When was the Constitution written?

- a) 1776
- b) 1787
- c) 1789
- d) 1790

18. When do we celebrate Independence Day?

- a) July 4
- b) March 4
- c) June 30
- d) January 1

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19. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
- a) all people of the state
 - b) the state legislatures
 - c) only the people in the state who voted for the Senator
 - d) all people of the state who belong to the Senator's political party
20. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
- a) one hundred (100)
 - b) two hundred (200)
 - c) four hundred thirty-five (435)
 - d) four hundred forty-one (441)
21. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?
- a) became a U.S. Senator
 - b) ran for President of the United States
 - c) fought for women's suffrage
 - d) fought for civil rights
22. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
- a) nine (9)
 - b) ten (10)
 - c) eleven (11)
 - d) twelve (12)
23. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?
- a) the Senate and House of Representatives
 - b) the House of Representatives and the courts
 - c) the House of Lords and the House of Commons
 - d) the Senate and the courts
24. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?
- a) liberty and justice
 - b) life and pursuit of happiness
 - c) life and right to own a home
 - d) life and death

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25. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
- a) to bear arms
 - b) to vote
 - c) speech
 - d) trial by jury
26. We elect a President for how many years?
- a) four (4)
 - b) two (2)
 - c) ten (10)
 - d) eight (8)
27. What is an amendment?
- a) the beginning of the Declaration of Independence
 - b) the Preamble to the Constitution
 - c) an addition (to the Constitution)
 - d) an introduction
28. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
- a) the Great Depression
 - b) climate change
 - c) Communism
 - d) slavery
29. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
- 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.
30. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.
- a) Celts
 - b) Cherokee
 - c) Zawi Chemi
 - d) Slavs

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

- a) the state where you live
- b) the President
- c) Congress
- d) the United States

32. What is the capital of the United States?

- a) Boston, MA
- b) Washington, D.C.
- c) New York, NY
- d) Philadelphia, PA

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

- a) the Vice President
- b) the Secretary of Defense
- c) the President
- d) the Attorney General

34. What does the Constitution do?

- a) all of these answers
- b) sets up the government
- c) defines the government
- d) protects basic rights of Americans

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

- a) Austria-Hungary, Japan, and Germany
- b) the Soviet Union, Germany, and Italy
- c) Japan, Germany, and Italy
- d) Japan, China, and Vietnam

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

- a) July 4
- b) March 15
- c) May 15
- d) April 15

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

- a) Bill Clinton
- b) Barack Obama
- c) Joe Biden
- d) George W. Bush

38. What is freedom of religion?

- a) You must choose a religion.
- b) You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.
- c) You can't choose the time you practice your religion.
- d) No one can practice a religion.

39. There were 13 original states. Name three.

- a) New York, Kentucky, and Georgia
- b) Washington, Oregon, and California
- c) Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina
- d) Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida

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

- a) freedom to petition the government and freedom to disobey traffic laws
- b) freedom of worship and freedom from paying taxes
- c) freedom of speech and freedom of worship
- d) freedom of speech and freedom to run for president

41. Who makes federal laws?

- a) the Supreme Court
- b) the President
- c) Congress
- d) the states

42. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.

- a) Civil War
- b) Revolutionary War
- c) World War I
- d) War of 1812

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43. Who signs bills to become laws?

- a) the Secretary of State
- b) the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- c) the Vice President
- d) the President

44. Who vetoes bills?

- a) the Vice President
- b) the President
- c) the Speaker of the House
- d) the President Pro Tempore

45. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.

- a) slavery
- b) oil
- c) sugar
- d) westward expansion

46. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?

- a) saved (or preserved) the Union
- b) established the United Nations
- c) declared war on Great Britain
- d) purchased Alaska

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

- a) eighteen (18) and older
- b) sixteen (16) and older
- c) twenty-one (21) and older
- d) thirty-five (35) and older

48. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

- a) because the stripes represent the members of the Second Continental Congress
- b) because it was considered lucky to have 13 stripes on the flag
- c) because the stripes represent the original colonies
- d) because the stripes represent the number of signatures on the U.S. Constitution

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49. What is the name of the national anthem?

- a) God Bless the U.S.A.
- b) The Star-Spangled Banner
- c) My Country Tis of Thee
- d) America the Beautiful

50. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.

- a) John Adams
- b) George Washington
- c) James Madison
- d) Thomas Jefferson

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

- a) Herbert Hoover
- b) Calvin Coolidge
- c) Franklin Roosevelt
- d) Harry Truman

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

- a) eight (8)
- b) four (4)
- c) two (2)
- d) six (6)

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

- a) the Supreme Court
- b) the Court of Appeals
- c) the District Court
- d) the Federal Court



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54. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
- a) because of the geographical size of the state
 - b) because of the state's location
 - c) because of the state's population
 - d) because the state's Representatives have seniority in the House of Representatives
55. Who was the first President?
- a) George Washington
 - b) John Adams
 - c) Abraham Lincoln
 - d) Thomas Jefferson
56. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
- a) write to a newspaper and call Senators and Representatives
 - b) all of these answers
 - c) give an elected official your opinion on an issue and join a community group
 - d) vote and join a civic group
57. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
- a) Hilary Clinton
 - b) Robert Byrd
 - c) Joe Biden
 - d) John Boehner
58. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?
- a) Vietnam War
 - b) Civil War
 - c) World War I
 - d) World War II
59. What is the political party of the President now?
- a) Republican Party
 - b) Democratic Party
 - c) Independent Party
 - d) Green Party



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60. What is one reason colonists came to America?

- a) search for gold
- b) none of these answers
- c) freedom
- d) for the experience traveling across the ocean

61. How many amendments does the Constitution have?

- a) ten (10)
- b) twenty-three (23)
- c) twenty-one (21)
- d) twenty-seven (27)

62. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?

- a) American Indians
- b) Floridians
- c) no one
- d) Canadians

63. What are two Cabinet-level positions?

- a) Secretary of Homeland Security and Secretary of the Treasury
- b) Secretary of Health and Human Services and Secretary of the Navy
- c) Secretary of Weather and Secretary of Energy
- d) Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of History

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

- a) the President Pro Tempore
- b) the Speaker of the House
- c) the Secretary of State
- d) the Secretary of the Treasury

65. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.

- a) World War II
- b) Civil War
- c) Korean War
- d) World War I

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

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- b) the Secretary of State
- c) the Vice President
- d) the Speaker of the House

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

- a) Quebec
- b) Haiti
- c) Alaska
- d) the Louisiana Territory

68. Why does the flag have 50 stars?

- a) because there is one star for each president
- b) because there is one star for each state
- c) because there were 50 original colonies
- d) because there were 50 people who originally came to the United States

69. What is the "rule of law"?

- a) Everyone must follow the law.
- b) Everyone but the President must follow the law.
- c) Government does not have to follow the law.
- d) All laws must be the same in every state.

70. Name one state that borders Canada.

- a) Maine
- b) Rhode Island
- c) South Dakota
- d) Oregon

71. In what month do we vote for President?

- a) January
- b) February
- c) October
- d) November

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

- a) checks and balances
- b) the President
- c) the people
- d) freedom of speech

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

- a) make treaties
- b) create an army
- c) provide schooling and education
- d) coin or print money

74. Name one branch or part of the government.

- a) United Nations
- b) parliament
- c) state government
- d) legislative

75. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?

- a) Abraham Lincoln
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) Patrick Henry
- d) George Washington

76. Who was President during World War I?

- a) Woodrow Wilson
- b) Franklin Roosevelt
- c) Theodore Roosevelt
- d) Warren Harding

77. Who is in charge of the executive branch?

- a) the Prime Minister
- b) the Chief Justice
- c) the Speaker of the House
- d) the President

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78. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?

- a) civil rights movement
- b) conservation
- c) prohibition
- d) women's suffrage

79. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?

- a) December 7, 1787
- b) July 4, 1789
- c) July 4, 1776
- d) March 4, 1789

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

- a) Pacific Ocean
- b) Southern Ocean
- c) Arctic Ocean
- d) Atlantic Ocean

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

- a) Al Gore
- b) Barack Obama
- c) Dick Cheney
- d) Joe Biden

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

- a) none of these answers
- b) communist economy
- c) capitalist economy
- d) socialist economy

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

- a) the Declaration of Independence
- b) the Bill of Rights
- c) the inalienable rights
- d) the Articles of Confederation

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

- a) Congress shall make
- b) We the British
- c) We the Colonists
- d) We the People

85. Name two national U.S. holidays.

- a) Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day
- b) April Fool's Day and Labor Day
- c) Labor Day and Thanksgiving
- d) Citizenship Day and Columbus Day

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

- a) ten (10)
- b) two (2)
- c) four (4)
- d) six (6)

87. Name one U.S. territory.

- a) Cayman Islands
- b) Bermuda
- c) Guam
- d) Haiti

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

- a) at any age
- b) between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)
- c) at age sixteen (16)
- d) men do not have to register

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89. Name one state that borders Mexico.

- a) Arkansas
- b) Alabama
- c) California
- d) Florida

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

- a) four hundred thirty-five (435)
- b) one hundred (100)
- c) fifty (50)
- d) fifty-two (52)

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

- a) Citizens eighteen (18) and older can vote.
- b) Citizens seventeen (17) and older can vote.
- c) Only citizens with a job can vote.
- d) Citizens by birth only can vote.

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

- a) to provide schooling
- b) to provide police departments
- c) to make treaties
- d) to issue driver's licenses

93. What did the Declaration of Independence do?

- a) declared our independence from Great Britain
- b) freed the slaves
- c) declared our independence from France
- d) gave women the right to vote



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94. Name one right only for United States citizens.

- a) freedom of religion
- b) attend to public school
- c) run for federal office
- d) freedom of speech

95. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.

- a) World War I
- b) the Revolutionary War
- c) the Civil War
- d) the War of 1812

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

- a) Arctic Ocean
- b) Indian Ocean
- c) Pacific Ocean
- d) Atlantic Ocean

97. Who are your state's U.S. Senators now? *Please note that this question is for OHIO residents only.*

- a) Kenny Yuko and Sherrod Brown
- b) Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman
- c) Mike Foley and Sherrod Brown
- d) Kenny Yuko and George Voinovich

98. Who are your state's governor now? *Please note that this question is for OHIO residents only.*

- a) John Kasich
- b) Ted Strickland
- c) Sherrod Brown
- d) Rob Portman

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B	B	D	B	D	A	B	C	A	D
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
D	A	A	B	C	A	C	C	C	B
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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C	C	D	B	A	A	A	C	B	C
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61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
D	A	A	B	B	C	D	B	A	A
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
D	A	C	D	D	A	D	A	C	A
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
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