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PREFACE

The Test Bank is designed to help instructors create their ideal mix of questions for quizzes or exams. Each question assesses a specific chapter-learning goal and is written with clear and concise language that matches the difficulty level of the question. Each chapter goal is assessed with questions across the appropriate levels of Bloom's taxonomy. By asking students questions that vary in both taxonomy and level of difficulty, instructors can evaluate how well students understand specific concepts and how skilled they are at applying these concepts to hypothetical and real-world scenarios.

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Every question is labeled with four levels of metadata to allow instructors to assess their students. These metadata tags are:

ANS: This is the correct answer for each question.

DIF: This is the level of difficulty assigned to the problem. For more information, please see "Difficulty Levels" below.

REF: This is the main section in the textbook chapter from which the question is drawn.

MSC: This is the level of Bloom's taxonomy that the question is designed to test. For more information, please see "Bloom's Taxonomy" below.

BLOOM'S TAXONOMY

We have focused on the levels of Bloom's taxonomy that are most relevant to political science and are most reliably assessed through the types of questions included in this test bank. As a result, we have included five levels of the taxonomy in the metadata.

1. **Remembering** questions test declarative knowledge, including textbook definitions and the relationships between two or more pieces of information. Can students recall or remember the information in the same form it was learned?
2. **Understanding** questions pose problems in a context different from the one in which the material was learned, requiring students to draw from their declarative and/or procedural understanding of important concepts. Can students explain ideas or concepts?
3. **Applying** questions ask students to draw from their prior experience and use critical thinking skills to reason about the real world. Can students use learned information in new situations?
4. **Analyzing** questions test students' ability to break down information and see how different elements relate to each other and to the whole. Can students distinguish among different parts of a process?
5. **Evaluating** questions ask students to assess and judge information. Can students make decisions and distinguish between valid and invalid claims?

DIFFICULTY LEVELS

Along with Bloom's taxonomy, each question is tagged to a level of difficulty so that instructors can choose how to sort and categorize questions. We understand that what one instructor or student finds difficult might not equate with someone else's perspective. However, many instructors do find this basic classification useful as a starting point in balancing their quizzes and exams, so we have tried to be as objective as possible by using the following criteria to decide the level of difficulty for each question.

1. **Easy** questions require students to demonstrate a basic understanding of the concepts, definitions, and examples presented in the textbook.
2. **Moderate** questions direct students to use critical thinking skills and to demonstrate a strong understanding of core concepts independent of specific textbook examples or definitions.
3. **Difficult** questions ask students to synthesize textbook concepts to make analytical inferences or to evaluate claims.

AND PRACTICE

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. A republican system of government is one where
- the courts make the majority of the political decisions.
 - elected representatives make the decisions for the voters.
 - large numbers of citizens do not vote.
 - citizens control the political process through direct democracy.

ANS: B DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - Why Study California Politics?

MSC: Understanding

2. How many representatives from California serve in the House of Representatives?
- 41
 - 39
 - 65
 - 53

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - Why Study California Politics?

MSC: Remembering

3. California's government is more majoritarian than other states because of
- direct democracy.
 - a greater number of lobbyists.
 - the plural executive.
 - low voter turnout.

ANS: A DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - Why Study California Politics?

MSC: Understanding

4. From 1912 to November 2018, how many initiatives has California had?
- 318
 - 373
 - 209
 - 178

ANS: B DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - Why Study California Politics?

MSC: Remembering

5. The Progressives added the initiative, referendum, and recall to the state Constitution in
- 1848.
 - 1911.
 - 1960.
 - 2000.

ANS: B DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - Why Study California Politics?

MSC: Remembering

6. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, California's median household income in 2012–2016 compared to the national median income was
- \$8,000 lower.
 - \$8,500 higher.
 - almost the same.
 - unknown due to a lack of data.

ANS: B DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - What Determines the Content and Character of California's Politics?

MSC: Remembering

7. As of 2014 there were approximately _____ undocumented immigrants in California.
- 1.5 million
 - 2.4 million
 - 500,000
 - 5 million

ANS: A DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - What Determines the Content and Character of California's Politics?

MSC: Remembering

8. The percentage of foreign-born persons living in California is approximately
- 12 percent.
 - 20 percent.
 - 27 percent.
 - 50 percent.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - What Determines the Content and Character of California's Politics?

MSC: Remembering

9. The proportion of immigrants over age five who speak English at home is
- 40 percent.
 - 72 percent.

- b. 61 percent. d. 90 percent.

ANS: B DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - What Determines the Content and Character of California's Politics?

MSC: Remembering

10. In 2016, California's poverty rate was

- a. 8.5 percent. c. 14.3 percent.
b. 12.9 percent. d. 19.6 percent.

ANS: B DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - What Determines the Content and Character of California's Politics?

MSC: Remembering

11. Voters in the inland regions of California are

- a. liberal and aligned with the Democratic Party.
b. conservative but still aligned with the Democratic Party.
c. more likely to be independents.
d. conservative and aligned with the Republican Party.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - What Determines the Content and Character of California's Politics?

MSC: Understanding

12. California is home to approximately _____ people.

- a. 19 million c. 39 million
b. 28 million d. 52 million

ANS: C DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - What Determines the Content and Character of California's Politics?

MSC: Remembering

13. Over the last 35 years, income equality in California has

- a. decreased. c. remained the same.
b. increased. d. not been studied.

ANS: B DIF: Easy

REF: CH01 - What Determines the Content and Character of California's Politics?

MSC: Understanding

14. Proposition 11, passed in 2008, gave the power to redistrict to

- a. the Assembly. c. a citizens' commission.
b. the Senate. d. the California Supreme Court.

ANS: C DIF: Easy

REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Remembering

15. In general, the initiative has ceased to promote direct democracy and has become a tool of

- a. Internet providers. c. local school districts.
b. whistle-blowers. d. special interests.

ANS: D DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Understanding

16. To raise or lower taxes in California requires a _____ vote of the absolute number of legislators in both houses.

- a. 50 percent c. 60 percent
b. two-thirds d. three-quarters

ANS: B DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Understanding

17. In 2010 the voters changed the state's party primary elections to a

- a. top-two primary system. c. nonpartisan system.
b. a run-off system. d. recall primary system.

ANS: A DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Understanding

18. Most political observers believe that term limits have had what impact on the state legislature?

- a. They reduced contributions to incumbents.
b. They worsened the legislature rather than improved it.
c. They provided citizens with greater access to legislators.
d. They greatly reduced the number of lobbyists.

ANS: B DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Remembering

19. What did Proposition 28 change?

- a. It allowed legislators to serve for 12 years.
- b. It allowed the governor to seek unlimited terms.
- c. It lowered the requirement for tax increases from two-thirds of legislators to a simple majority.
- d. It permitted the governor to appoint mayors in charter cities.

ANS: A DIF: Easy REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Remembering

20. What are the term limits for statewide offices such as governor, attorney general, and secretary of state?

- a. one term (6 years)
- b. two terms (8 years)
- c. two terms (12 years)
- d. unlimited terms

ANS: B DIF: Easy REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Remembering

21. In California, the constitution requires the state budget to be passed by

- a. a simple majority (50 percent plus 1) in both the Assembly and Senate.
- b. 51 percent of the total membership in both the Assembly and Senate.
- c. two-thirds of the members present in both the Assembly and Senate.
- d. two-thirds of the total membership in both the Assembly and Senate.

ANS: A DIF: Difficult REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Remembering

22. What is one of the major problems California faces in balancing the budget?

- a. Legislators do not attend the necessary budget meetings, thereby causing serious delays.
- b. California's constitution requires citizen approval of the budget before the legislature can pass a budget bill.
- c. California requires a two-thirds vote of the legislature to raise or lower taxes.
- d. Legislators have used filibusters to stop the budget committee.

ANS: C DIF: Difficult REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Evaluating

23. California was declared a sanctuary state, meaning that

- a. it pursues complete religious freedom.
- b. it invites refugees to settle in California.
- c. the state limits cooperation with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws.
- d. it protects businesses operating solely within the state.

ANS: C DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Understanding

24. Which one of the following reform ideas is suggested by liberals?

- a. instituting performance-based budgeting
- b. restricting the initiative process to allow for more citizen participation
- c. engaging in multiyear budgeting and planning
- d. imposing caps on public-sector pensions

ANS: B DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Remembering

25. Which one of the following reform ideas is suggested by conservatives?

- a. public financing of elections
- b. investing more in K–12 education
- c. encouraging state and local leaders to reform public pensions
- d. changing the legislature from full time to part time

ANS: D DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Remembering

ESSAY

1. Why is California considered to have a more majoritarian form of government than other states?

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Moderate REF: CH01 - Why Study California Politics?

MSC: Analyzing

2. What effects will continued population growth have on government at the state and local levels?

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - What Determines the Content and Character of California's Politics?

MSC: Evaluating

3. What are the major factors that continue to fuel a crisis in California, and how can they be changed?

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Difficult

REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Analyzing

4. Why is it so difficult to raise taxes in California? What impact does this have on the state's budget plans?

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Evaluating

5. Why do California voters support term limits? How have term limits been implemented in California?

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Moderate

REF: CH01 - The Crisis of California Politics

MSC: Analyzing