

Test Bank, Chapter 2

Multiple Choice Questions

1) This is the document that the founders used to declare the United States a unique country distinct from Great Britain.

- (A) Articles of Confederation
- (B) Declaration of Independence**
- (C) US Constitution
- (D) None of the above

2) Among the flaws in this document—which was the first governing document of the new nation— were that it did not provide for a strong central government, establish a uniform monetary system, and did not protect the nation from national or domestic threats.

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3) This is the document that the founders used to lay out the foundation of the United States government.

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- (B) Declaration of Independence
- (C) US Constitution**
- (D) None of the above

4) The preference for libertarianism, can be seen in the Declaration of Independence with this phrase:

- (A) Rights
- (B) Liberty**
- (C) Pursuit of happiness
- (D) All of the above

5) The preference for egalitarianism, can be seen in the Declaration of Independence with this phrase:

- (A) Rights**
- (B) Liberty
- (C) Pursuit of happiness
- (D) All of the above

6) The preference for utilitarianism, can be seen in the Declaration of Independence with this phrase:

- (A) Rights
- (B) Liberty
- (C) Pursuit of happiness**
- (D) All of the above

7) This term, generally referring to “being well,” appears in the US Constitution:

- (A) Domestic tranquility
- (B) General welfare**
- (C) Liberty
- (D) All of the above

8) The preference for utilitarianism, can be seen in the US Constitution, with this phrase:

- (A) Liberty
- (B) General Welfare**
- (C) Equality
- (D) All of the above

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10) This Amendment to the US Constitution grants you the right to be protected from unreasonable searches and seizures by the police and requires them to get a warrant based upon probable cause in order to search or seize you or your property:

- (A) Fifth
- (B) Fourth**
- (C) Sixth
- (D) Eighth

11) This Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees you due process of law, the right to a grand jury hearing, freedom from double jeopardy, freedom from self-incrimination, and the right to just compensation to government seizure of your property:

- (A) Fifth**
- (B) Fourth
- (C) Sixth
- (D) Eighth

12) This Amendment to the US Constitution gives you the rights to notice of any criminal charges against you, speedy and public trials, and impartial juries, as well as guarantees you the right to confront witnesses against you, to offer witnesses on your behalf, and to be granted an attorney to assist you in your defense:

- (A) Fifth
- (B) Fourth
- (C) Sixth**
- (D) Eighth

13) This Amendment to the US Constitution bans excessive bails, excessive fines, and cruel and unusual punishments.

- (A) Fifth
- (B) Fourth
- (C) Sixth
- (D) Eighth**

14) This Amendment to the US Constitution gave women the right to vote.

- (A) Tenth
- (B) Thirteenth
- (C) Nineteenth**
- (D) Twenty-seventh

15) Which of the following statements is most accurate with regard to the US Constitution?

- (A) It was immediately adopted by a majority of states, including the Bill of Rights
- (B) It was quickly applied to the states as well as the federal government
- (C) It was widely popular with the federalists and anti-federalists
- (D) None of the above**

16) Which of the following is evidence that the founders of the US Constitution did not actually live up to the ideals of liberty, quality, and justice they put on paper?

- (A) Many of them owned slaves and treated them as property
- (B) Women were not seen or treated as equals to men
- (C) Provisions were written into the Constitution to protect the limited financial interests of wealthy
- (D) All of the above**

17) This Supreme Court case excluded a search and seizure of lewd and lascivious materials because the police did not have a search warrant.

- (A) *Miranda v Arizona* (1966)
- (B) *Terry v Ohio* (1968)
- (C) *Mapp v Ohio* (1961)**
- (D) *Gideon v Wainwright* (1963)

18) Which is true with regard to public opinion of the death penalty, according to your text?

- (A) A majority of Americans say they support the death penalty

- (B) Support for the death penalty has fallen as Americans have learned about problems with it
- (C) When given alternatives to the death penalty, support for the death penalty falls even further
- (D) All of the above**

19) There is strong evidence that Americans support free markets and thus free market libertarianism, yet

- (A) About 70% agree that the government has some responsibility to take care of the very poor
- (B) About 51% say they think the government should do more to help needy Americans.
- (C) About 54% of Americans agree that the government should exert more control over the economy
- (D) All of the above**

20) When asked, “Which comes closer to your view—the government should take all steps necessary to prevent additional acts of terrorism in the U.S. even if it means your basic civil liberties would be violated, (or) the government should take steps to prevent additional acts of terrorism but not if those steps would violate your basic civil liberties]”—a large majority of Americans choose

- (A) Preventing terrorism even if it means violating liberties
- (B) Preventing terrorism but protecting civil liberties**
- (C) Neither, the responses suggest that Americans are split on the issue
- (D) Neither, the responses suggest that Americans are undecided on the issue

21) Which of the following is true of American opinion with regard to the size of government?

- (A) Most Americans would like a smaller government and generally say they would reduce specific programs when they are given options to do so
- (B) Most Americans would like a smaller government and generally but generally say they would not reduce specific programs when they are given options to do so**
- (C) Most Americans want a larger government
- (D) None of the above

22) Based on poll data shown in the book, people from which political party are more concerned with equality in society, as well as helping out minorities?

- (A) Democrats**
- (B) Republicans
- (C) Both parties are equally supportive
- (D) The poll data are unclear on this topic

23) Americans say they value happiness. According to the latest World Values Survey, the United States ranked where in terms of overall happiness in the world?

- (A) 1st
- (B) 5th
- (C) 16th**
- (D) 27th

24) With regard to happiness in the United States, polls show which of the following?

- (A) A majority of Americans say they are happy
- (B) A majority of Americans say they are satisfied with their lives
- (C) A majority of Americans do not like the direction in which the country is heading
- (D) All of the above**

25) Which of the following is true with regard to public opinion on virtues and values in the United States?

- (A) Public opinion varies widely by demographics
- (B) Public opinion varies widely by political party affiliation
- (C) A majority of Americans feel the state of moral values in the country is getting worse
- (D) All of the above**

Fill in the Blank Questions

- 1) The belief that our country is unique in the world because of our strong beliefs in freedom and justice is often referred to as **American exceptionalism**.
- 2) The book, **An Economic Interpretation to the Constitution of the United States**, written by Charles Beard, argued that the US Constitution was biased against the poor.
- 3) The book, *Racist America; Roots, Current Realities and Future Reparations*, written by **Joe Feagin**, argued that the US Constitution was biased against African Americans.
- 4) The first ten Amendments to the US Constitution are called the **Bill of Rights**.
- 5) The term **domestic Tranquility** from the US Constitution refers to peace in the land.

Essay Questions

- 1) In what ways can the US Constitution be interpreted as serving limited interests? Discuss how the document allegedly was written to benefit the wealthy and the white? Explain, using examples.
- 2) What are the major values of Americans today according to public opinion polls? Use examples.