

5. Which type of election takes place after voters have selected their party's candidate in the primary?
- Primary election
 - General election
 - Closed election
 - Open election
6. In a partisan election, how do election officials run the election?
- Election officials first hold a primary to determine which candidate will represent each party. Then, in the general election, the winner of the primary will be listed on the ballot along with the party in which they represent.
 - Election officials place all candidates on the ballot and allow voters to determine which candidates are partisan and which are non-partisan.
 - Rather than a primary, a general election is held in which party affiliations may or may not be listed next to a candidate's name on the ballot.
 - A primary may be held to narrow down the field of the entire candidate pool, but not within parties. In the general election, no party affiliation will appear next to a candidate's name on the ballot.
7. When an individual contributes \$2,000 to a candidate's campaign, this is an example of
- Private Funding
 - Public Funding
 - Political Action Committee
 - Third-Party Funding

8. Complete the following comparison:

Labor-Intensive Campaign: Candidate recruits volunteers to hand out leaflets
Media-Driven Campaign: _____

- Candidate makes appearances at local events to speak directly about their beliefs
 - Candidate recruits volunteers to organize a rally
 - Candidate uses radio and television ads
 - Candidate attends a reception to address citizens of a particular city
9. Which propaganda technique is illustrated in the following statement:
- "John Edwards is the son of a millworker, and just like you, he understands the struggles of a working American."*
- Bandwagon
 - Stack cards
 - Name calling
 - "Just Plain Folks"

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- You must be 18
- You must have a 30-day residence in the North Carolina county in which you live
- You must not be registered to vote or vote in any other county or state
- You must have your rights of citizenship restored if you are a convicted felon

10. What would be the best title for the list above?

- Eligibility requirements for joining the US Army
- Eligibility requirements for voting in North Carolina
- Eligibility requirements for applying for in-state tuition in North Carolina
- Eligibility requirements for running for North Carolina office

11. The process by which a law proposed or passed by the state legislature is put on the ballot for citizens to approve or reject directly by vote refers to a

- Referendum
- Initiative
- Recall
- Bond

Use the passage below and your prior knowledge to answer the questions that follow.

Origins of the Electoral College

Members of the Constitutional Convention explored many possible methods of choosing a president. One suggestion was to have the Congress choose the president. A second suggestion was to have the state legislatures select the president. A third suggestion was to elect the president by a direct popular vote. The first suggestion was voted down due to suspicion of corruption, fears of irrevocably dividing the Congress and concerns of upsetting the balance of power between the executive and the legislative branches. The second idea was voted down because the Framers felt that federal authority would be compromised in exchange for votes. And the third idea was rejected out of concern that the voters would only select candidates from their state without adequate information about candidates outside of the state. The prevailing suggestion was to have a College of Electors select a president through an indirect election.

12. Which statement concerning the Electoral College is *most accurate*?

- The Framers decided to use the Electoral College to choose the president so that they could ensure they kept control over elections.
- The Electoral College is made up of presidential electors who will select a president through an indirect election in order to ensure fairness.
- The Electoral College allows citizens to vote for their choice of president directly as long as the candidate is not from their state.
- The Framers decided to use the Electoral College to choose the president to ensure the Executive Branch maintained power over the Legislative Branch during the selection process.

13. Which of the following conclusions can be drawn from the passage?

- The Electoral College, while confusing to many citizens, is the most effective way to choose the president.
- The Electoral College was chosen as the best method of electing the president to prevent corruption and division with the government and to ensure citizens consider all candidates.
- The Electoral College is an outdated system that should be reexamined and tailored for modern use.
- The Electoral College leads to corruption, domination, and abuse of voter rights within the government.

14. Which statement best describes the process for nominating presidential candidates?
- After primary elections and caucuses are held, the Democratic and Republican national parties hold conventions at which delegates formally choose the parties' presidential and vice presidential nominees.
 - After caucuses, the Democratic and Republican parties decide who the most electable candidate is and appoint that person as the official nomination.
 - Citizens attend presidential debates and afterwards vote on the most qualified candidate. The candidate that receives the largest number of votes wins the nomination.
 - On Election Day, citizens across America elect the president directly.
15. Which of the following statements *best* describes how citizens can influence local politics?
- Stay in school, attend college, and secure a successful career.
 - Read books and newspapers, watch the evening news, pay attention to candidate debates, and express their opinions about candidates to friends and family.
 - Run for office, vote, attend governmental meetings, and voice concerns through letters, petitions, boycotts, and protests.
 - Understand that there is not much that a citizen can do regarding local politics, and refrain from becoming frustrated when changes are not made.
16. Ruby's neighbor has a dog that chewed through the fence she just had installed in her yard. Ruby feels her neighbor should reimburse her for the \$2,500 cost of the fence. Which court will hear Ruby's case?
- North Carolina Supreme Court
 - US Supreme Court
 - Court of Appeals
 - Small Claims Court
17. Which of the following is required by law for all 18-year-old male citizens?
- Voting in local elections
 - Voting in federal elections
 - Registering with the US Selective Service
 - Enlisting in the Navy
18. When Jake was convicted of stealing five brand new cars out of the car lot, he was guilty of breaking:
- A local ordinance
 - Criminal law
 - Constitutional law
 - Common law
19. What type of sentencing is in effect when judges have no discretion to individualize the sentence of a criminal?
- Maximum sentencing
 - Mandatory sentencing
 - Parole sentencing
 - Stay of imposition

“Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.”
President John F. Kennedy

20. In this quote, Kennedy is encouraging Americans to
- a. Participate in public service
 - b. Vote for him in the upcoming election
 - c. Refrain from collecting government benefits
 - d. Leave the country if you disagree with his policies

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- Citizen of the state and a resident of the county
- 18 or older (no upper age limit)
- Able to speak and to understand the English language
- Physically and mentally competent
- No felony conviction

21. Which of the following is the *best* title for the above list?
- a. Requirements for adoption in the US
 - b. Requirements for presidential candidates
 - c. Elector eligibility requirements
 - d. Juror eligibility requirements

22. Which of the following is an elected position citizens can pursue if they desire to become involved in local politics?
- a. City Manager
 - b. County Manager
 - c. County Commissioner
 - d. Director of Parks and Recreation

Answer Key

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. D
5. B
6. A
7. A
8. C
9. D
10. B
11. A
12. B
13. B
14. A
15. C
16. D
17. C
18. B
19. B
20. A
21. D
22. C