

Exam: 986039RR - The Political Process

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Questions 1 to 20: Select the best answer to each question. Note that a question and its answers may be split across a page break, so be sure that you have seen the *entire* question and *all* the answers before choosing an answer.

- 1.** Under the _____ Amendment, you have the right to know the charges brought against you and to question witnesses who bring evidence against you.
- A.** First
 - B.** Sixth
 - C.** Second
 - D.** Fifth
- 2.** New Groton, Connecticut, is the location of the
- A.** Coast Guard Academy.
 - B.** Air Force Academy.
 - C.** Naval Command Center.
 - D.** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- 3.** What is the term utilized when union workers refuse to work due to contractual disagreements?
- A.** Sunshine law
 - B.** Labor law violation
 - C.** Strike
 - D.** WPA Act
- 4.** Which of the following federal law enforcement agencies does *not* operate under the Department of the Treasury?
- A.** Investigative Division for Counterfeiting and Forgery
 - B.** The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
 - C.** The Division of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF)
 - D.** The Secret Service
- 5.** A basic position in American foreign policy has been that America must defend its foreign interests related to trade and security. The main foreign policy position opposed to this American policy is called
- A.** isolationism.
 - B.** federalism.
 - C.** imperialism.
 - D.** militarism.

6. A war in Mexico would be under the _____ Command.

- A. Northern
- B. Central
- C. Southern
- D. Pacific

7. Which one of the following political interest groups falls into the organized labor category?

- A. National Audubon Society
- B. American Rifle Association
- C. National Broadcasting Corporation
- D. National Education Association

8. Who is the commander in chief of the armed forces?

- A. President pro tem
- B. Secretary of Defense
- C. Army Chief of Staff
- D. President of the United States

9. The outcome of the 2000 presidential election was decided by a

- A. majority vote of the electoral college.
- B. decision of the Supreme Court.
- C. majority of the popular vote.
- D. careful recount of the Florida votes.

10. The XYZ PAC operates on behalf of the XYZ interest group. Which campaign behavior of the XYZ PAC would be against current law?

- A. The PAC contributes \$2,000 to Kroll and \$4,000 to Loon because both claim to support the PAC's legislative goals.
- B. The PAC contributes \$6,000 to candidate Kroll and \$2,000 to candidate Loon.
- C. The PAC contributes \$4,000 to the campaigns of Kroll, Loon, Marble, and Noonkester for a total of \$16,000.
- D. The PAC creates its own campaign for candidate Kroll and contributes to the campaign of candidate Loon.

11. The legal right to *expatriation* means that you have the right to

- A. have an expert witness testify at a trial brought against you.
- B. renounce your citizenship.
- C. retain your citizenship when living abroad.
- D. be given safe haven by american embassies abroad.

12. Which one of the following individuals would be *most* likely to vote?

- A. A 30-year-old college graduate who has just moved to a new state
- B. A 19-year-old high school graduate who likes to complain about the government
- C. A 50-year-old corporate executive who holds a master's degree in business
- D. A 22-year-old computer programmer

13. Regarding the Electoral College, which of the following statements is *false*?

- A.** Electors vote on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December.
- B.** If there were 600 electors, 301 electoral votes would win the presidential election.
- C.** The electoral college is located in Washington, D.C.
- D.** The electoral vote results are transmitted to the Secretary of State.

14. Which of these statements about the Cuban Missile Crisis is *true*?

- A.** President Kennedy removed nuclear missiles from Turkey to resolve the crisis.
- B.** Fidel Castro's government had manufactured guided missiles.
- C.** Nikita Khrushchev wished to goad Kennedy into invading Cuba and starting a war.
- D.** President Kennedy called Nikita Khrushchev on the hotline.

15. By tradition, when does the presidential campaign begin?

- A.** After a candidate has gained enough electoral votes in the primaries
- B.** With the New Hampshire primary
- C.** When a candidate is officially nominated at the national convention
- D.** In September, following the national convention

16. A primary source for getting specific information on a particular bill is

- A.** your state representative.
- B.** Washington daily newspapers.
- C.** the Constitution.
- D.** the Congressional Record.

17. Regarding use of the media, *spin* can best be defined as

- A.** meaningless arguments.
- B.** arguments based on emotion rather than reason.
- C.** casting a positive light on negative facts.
- D.** deliberately fabricating information.

18. Among third-party candidates, which one is thought to have split the conservative vote in a recent election?

- A.** Ross Perot
- B.** Ralph Nader
- C.** Pat Buchanan
- D.** John Edwards

19. If you were a specialist working for the National Security Agency, your main job would likely be

- A.** analyzing and breaking coded messages.
- B.** analyzing data from spy satellites.
- C.** working in the field to carry out covert operations.
- D.** electronic surveillance.

20. What rights does the Declaration of Independence express?

- A.** Legal rights of citizens
 - B.** The right to remain silent when interrogated by police
 - C.** The right to citizenship
 - D.** Human rights of citizens, including life and liberty
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