**CIVICS – TEST 1**

**1) Which is NOT an element of the rule of law?**

A) Everyone must follow the law C) The law must be applied fairly

B) No one is above the law D) The president can do what he or she wants

**2) What is a characteristic of a society under the rule of law?**

1. Citizens are at liberty to act without any restraint or rules to follow.
2. Everyone is subject to the same rules.
3. Government officials are free to take whatever actions they wish to take.
4. The ruler can make random and arbitrary laws.

**3) Someone who is legally a member of a country is considered a(n):**

A) Citizen C) Immigrant

B) Resident D) Alien

**4) Which of these is a legal obligation of U.S. citizenship?**

A) To reside in the United States C) To vote for the President of the United States

B) To save money for retirement D) To attend jury duty when summoned

**5) All of the following are responsibilities of citizenship EXCEPT for:**

A) Paying taxes C) Getting involved in the community

B) Being informed about politics D) Voting

**6) If most citizens refused to fulfill their responsibilities of citizenship, what might happen?**

A) Our elected leaders would not be held accountable and could take our rights away instead of protecting them

B) People would have more free time because they’d have fewer social obligations

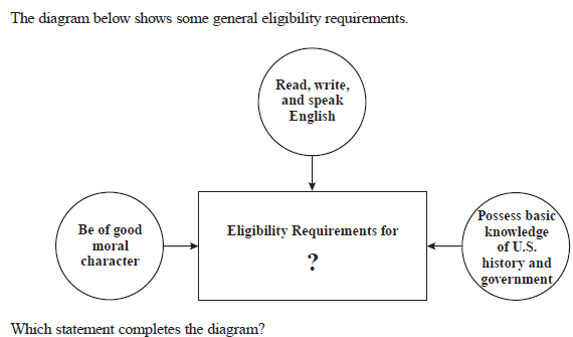
C) People would benefit from strong leaders

D) People would find that society could look after itself without anyone participating

**7) What defines citizenship as anyone born or naturalized in the United States?**

A) 1st Amendment C) 14th Amendment

B) 10th Amendment D) Declaration of Independence



**8) What statement best completes the question mark in the diagram to the right?**

A) Joining a military service

B) Becoming a naturalized citizen

C) Obtaining a driver’s license

D) Volunteering for a political party

**9) What might happen if citizens began to refuse to do their civic responsibilities of citizenship?**

A) People would face the potential threat of losing some of their rights and freedoms

B) People would have more free time because they would have fewer parties to attend

C) We would elect excellent leaders who would use their power to guard our freedoms

D) The rule of law would be protected by leaders who had no restraint or oversight

**10) Alfredo is born in California to non-citizen parents. How would he be considered a US citizen?**

A) He wouldn’t have citizenship C) The Law of Soil

B) Naturalization D) The Law of Blood

**11) Jocelyn is born in Cuba to a mother who is a Cuban citizen and a father who is an American citizen. How would she be considered a US citizen?**

A) She wouldn’t have citizenship C) The Law of Soil

B) Naturalization D) The Law of Blood

**12) Nicole is born in Italy to non-citizen parents. When she is 22 years old, she moves to the United States, lives here for five years, demonstrates good moral character, and takes and passes a test in English about American government and history. How would she be considered a US citizen?**

A) She wouldn’t have citizenship C) The Law of Soil

B) Naturalization D) The Law of Blood

**13) Juliet is born in Cuba to non-citizen parents who moved to the United States at age 22. How would she be considered a US citizen?**

A) The Law of Blood C) Naturalization

B) The Law of Soil D) She wouldn’t have citizenship

**14) All of the following are fundamental American values EXCEPT for:**

A) Liberty C) Equality

B) Citizenship D) Justice

**15) The study of government and citizenship is called:**

A) Civics C) Liberty

B) The Bill of Rights D) Naturalization

**16) The first ten changes to the Constitution are called:**

A) The Preamble C) Responsibilities

B) Values D) The Bill of Rights

**17) Why was the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution?**

A) The Federalists always intended to include it, but they needed extra time to complete them

B) The Anti-Federalists were scared that the Constitution would take away rights & wanted to protect them

C) The Democrats and Republicans believed it was important

D) It wasn’t added at all; it was included in the Constitution from the beginning

**18) The 1st Amendment protects all of the following EXCEPT:**

A) Freedom of speech C) Freedom to petition

B) Freedom of religion D) Freedom to bear arms

**19) The state of Florida attempts to execute a juvenile for committing a murder, but the Supreme Court rules that capital punishment for minors is considered “cruel and unusual” punishment. Which amendment would the court use to support their reasoning?**

A) 1st C) 4th

B) 2nd D) 8th

**20) The police attempt to search Susan’s house without her permission and without a warrant. Susan complains and refuses to allow them to search her home. Which amendment will protect Susan’s rights against an unreasonable search?**

A) 1st C) 4th

B) 2nd D) 8th

**21) Alfredo is arrested for shoplifting from Target and is charged with the crime of theft. He is given a lawyer to defend himself by the government and goes before a jury of his peers, who decide whether he is guilty or not guilty based on the evidence presented in court. Which amendment best reflects Alfredo’s situation?**

A) 1st C) 6th

B) 4th D) 8th

**22) Jake is allowed to own a gun to protect his family, as long as he has the proper permit. Which amendment does this action reflect?**

A) 1st C) 4th

B) 2nd D) 8th

**23) What does it mean to “quarter” someone?**

A) To give them money C) To recruit army troops

B) To divide people up into four groups D) To keep military troops in your home

**24a) Shauna did not like a policy that was recently passed by the state legislature. She decided to create a petition supported by members of her community and included a copy of the petition in a letter to her Representative.**

**Is petitioning the government a responsibility or an obligation?**

A) Responsibility B) Obligation

C) Both D) Neither

**24b) Shauna thought that the state legislature should pass a law banning texting while driving in the state of Florida. She attended local meetings and spoke her mind about how helpful she thought this law would be, published a blog that reported on how this law would reduce fatalities in traffic accidents, and wrote to her representative with a signed petition. Shauna has exercised all parts of her 1st Amendment rights EXCEPT for:**

A) Freedom of speech C) Freedom of assembly

B) Freedom of press D) Freedom to petition

**25) Mariselle wakes up at 5:00am to go to the polls for the national elections so she can vote before she has to go to work. Is voting in an election a responsibility or an obligation?**

A) Responsibility B) Obligation

C) Both D) Neither

**26) Tax returns are due by midnight April 15th, so long as April 15th is not a weekend. John forgot to complete a tax return and thought it really was not a big deal – he could just wait until next year. Is the filing of a federal tax return a responsibility or an obligation?**

A) Responsibility B) Obligation

C) Both D) Neither

**27a) Founding Father James Madison said:**

**“If men were angels, no government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.”**

**To what principle is Madison referring?**

A) Separation of Powers

B) Nationalism

C) Rule of Law

D) Citizenship

**27b) Justin Bieber is pulled over for speeding and given a ticket. He goes to court to argue that he should not have received this fine because he’s a celebrity. The judge rules that he has to pay the fine, just like anyone else who is arrested. Which statement best reflects this situation?**

A) This shows the rule of law because the laws apply equally and fairly to all

B) This shows the rule of law because the judge arbitrarily made a decision based on what he was feeling

C) This does NOT show the rule of law because Justin Bieber was treated the same as everyone else

D) This does NOT show the rule of law because the judge applied the law fairly

**BONUS 1) Why was the 9th Amendment added to the Constitution?**

A) The Founding Fathers were scared of having to quarter troops again, like they had during the Revolution

B) The Founding Fathers wanted to ensure that all of your rights were protected, not just ones listed in the Constitution

C) The Federalists specifically requested it, over the objections of the Anti-Federalists

D) The Bill of Rights needed to be 10 amendments, so they needed to add a few on to the end

**BONUS 2) The traditional idea that immigrants moved to the US, adopted American customs, and blended into American society is called:**

A) Naturalization C) The Law of Soil

B) Citizenship D) The Melting Pot