

## Legislative and Executive Branch Exam Questions

**Directions:** You will choose to either work in groups (Max of 4) or individually. You will then need to memorize the questions below and be ready to answer the questions by speaking. The breakdown is below:

### **Solo**

- You will be given a set of 10 questions
- You will be asked a total of 5 out of the 10 questions

This is how the scoring will happen for each question:

8 = Fully correct with confident reasoning

6 = Mostly correct with good explanation

4 = Some understanding but missing key info

2 = Attempted but incorrect or very weak explanation

0 = No answer or completely off topic

### **Group**

- You will be given a set of 20 questions
- You will be asked a total of 10 questions
- Once the exam starts, students will not be able to speak with one another about the questions
- You can choose what student answers the question, but all students need to answer at least 2 questions
- Your grade will be as a collective (If one students misses a question, everyone in the group will lose points)

This is how the scoring will happen for each question:

4 = Fully correct with confident reasoning

3 = Mostly correct with good explanation

2 = Some understanding but missing key info

1 = Attempted but incorrect or very weak explanation

0 = No answer or completely off topic

You can find the questions below, first 10 questions are the ones solo will have

S	G	1) Describe one example of a president using executive power in a way people debated as an abuse of power (W29)
S	G	2) What is the presidential pardon power, and why might it be considered controversial? (W30)

S	G	3) What is the appointment power, and why does it matter who a president selects for the Supreme Court? (W30)
S	G	4) How was Donald Trump able to become president again in 2024 despite being a convicted felon? (W30)
S	G	5) How does the Electoral College work, and how many votes are needed to win the presidency? (W30)
S	G	6) What are swing states, and why do candidates focus heavily on them during campaigns? (W30)
S	G	7) Why is the speaker of the house such an important role in congress? (W28)
S	G	8) What is reapportionment and why is it important for the house of representatives? (Give an example) (W28)
S	G	9) Explain the process of how a bill becomes a law (W28)
S	G	10) Explain an example of checks and balances within government (W28) (W29)
	G	11) What does it mean for the president to be commander-in-chief, and how has this power been controversial in recent years? (W30)
	G	12) What are the two sections of congress and how are they different? (W28)
	G	13) Explain how a presidents pardons can impact public trust in the justice system (W30)
	G	14) Explain why the power of executive orders by the president is so powerful. Provide an example (W29)
	G	15) Explain why the president having the power to veto a law is important to government (W30)
	G	16) How many terms can someone in congress serve and why is it important? (W28)
	G	17) Who is the current House Minority Leader and why is the House minority leader such an important role in the House of Representatives? (W28)
	G	18) What role does the Vice President play in the Senate? (W28)
	G	19) Explain what Gerrymandering is (W28)
	G	20) Why does the process of passing a law take so long? (W28)