



### Political Science Bee – C Set Qualifying Exam

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**Instructions - Circle the correct answer or leave it blank. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.**

1. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution says that which of the following is necessary for the security of a ‘free state’?

- A. the quartering of soldiers
- B. freedom of the press
- C. a well-regulated Militia
- D. the writ of habeas corpus

2. Collectively, the Supreme Court of the United States, the U.S. courts of appeals, the U.S. district courts and the U.S. Court of International Trade are known by which of the following terms?

- A. the circuit court system
- B. Article III courts
- C. courts of oyer and terminer
- D. grand juries

3. In American electoral politics, a ‘red state’ is best defined as which of the following?

- A. a state that votes reliably for the Democrats in most statewide elections
- B. a state that routinely votes for third party candidates
- C. a state with relative political balance between the Democrats and Republicans
- D. a state that votes reliably for the Republicans in most statewide elections

4. All of these are true of Bernie Sanders EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. he is currently the junior senator from Vermont
- B. he is a member of the Democratic Party
- C. he sought the Democratic presidential nomination in both 2016 and 2020
- D. he is an advocate of universal healthcare in America

5. Presidential elections in the United States are administered by which of the following?

- A. state governments
- B. the executive branch
- C. the Supreme Court
- D. the House of Representatives

6. Which of the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court died in September of 2020?

- A. John Roberts
- B. Antonin Scalia
- C. Sandra Day O’Connor
- D. Ruth Bader Ginsburg

7. The Covid-19 Vaccine Global Access Facility, or COVAX, is an effort to promote fair and equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines jointly led by GAVI and which of the following entities?

- A. the Chinese government
- B. the European Union
- C. the United States government
- D. the World Health Organization

8. As of October 2020, Jacinda Ardern serves as the prime minister of what nation?

- A. Australia
- B. New Zealand
- C. Canada
- D. South Africa

9. The EU Customs Union, the Gulf Cooperation Council and the USMCA are all examples of which of the following?

- A. collective security agreements
- B. multilateral free-trade agreements
- C. supranational unions
- D. regional environmental agreements

10. The interdisciplinary study of the interplay between the political environment, political institutions and economic system of a given country is known by what term?

- A. political philosophy
- B. international relations
- C. political economy
- D. microeconomics

11. All of these nations are governed by a variation of the Westminster system EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. France
- B. Ireland
- C. India
- D. Japan

12. What world leader issued a rare and tearful apology to his people for his failures during the coronavirus outbreak during an October 2020 speech on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Worker’s Party in his country?

- A. Kim Jong-un
- B. Xi Jinping
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Hassan Rouhani

13. Article II of the Constitution gives all of the following powers to the president EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. the power to make treaties
- B. the power to appoint ambassadors
- C. the power to impose taxes
- D. the power to pardon those convicted of crimes

14. According to the Twentieth Amendment, when do the terms of the President and Vice President end?

- A. at noon on March 3 of the year following the election
- B. at noon on January 20 of the year following the election
- C. at noon on the first Tuesday in December following the election
- D. at midnight on January 1 following the election

15. In a normal presidential election year, how many United States Senate seats would be up for election?

- A. all 100
- B. 66 or 67
- C. 50
- D. 33 or 34

16. In the case of *Korematsu v. US*, the Supreme Court ruled which of the following about the internment of Japanese Americans?

- A. that it violated the First Amendment right of freedom of assembly of Japanese Americans
- B. that it violated the Fifth Amendment rights of Japanese Americans by denying them due process
- C. that it violated the Eighth Amendment protection against cruel and unusual punishment
- D. that it was permissible during the war to protect national security

17. All of the following sought the Democratic nomination for president in 2020 EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Andrew Yang
- B. Elizabeth Warren
- C. Hillary Clinton
- D. Amy Klobuchar

18. For which of the following has Dr. Anthony Fauci made news in the United States in 2020?

- A. as a leading advocate for the Black Lives Matter movement
- B. as a candidate for United States Senate
- C. as the nominee of President Trump to head the CIA
- D. as the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and a member of the Coronavirus Task Force

19. Alexei Navalny is a dissident and politician who made news in the fall of 2020 for having been poisoned in what nation?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Georgia
- C. Belarus
- D. Russia

20. The Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition is an intergovernmental counter-terrorist alliance united around opposition to which of the following?

- A. the government of Israel
- B. the United States government
- C. the government of Saudi Arabia
- D. the Islamic State (ISIL or Daish)

21. A voting method in which voters rank the candidates on the ballot for a given office in order of preference instead of selecting only one candidate is known by which of the following terms?

- A. 'first-past-the-post'
- B. plurality voting
- C. instant-runoff voting
- D. vote pairing

22. The countries at the top of the 2019 UN World Happiness Report share which of the following characteristics?

- A. they are all in Asia
- B. they are all governed by social-democratic systems
- C. they are all developing economies
- D. they all have very high population growth rates

23. With which of the following countries does the United States have formal diplomatic relations?

- A. Syria
- B. Iran
- C. Egypt
- D. Bhutan

24. In 2003, Gray Davis of California became only the second sitting governor in American history to experience which of the following?

- A. defeat by an opponent of the same party
- B. to be recalled and removed from office in a statewide election
- C. to die in office
- D. to be impeached by the state legislature

25. The First Amendment guarantees all of these EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. the free exercise of religion
- B. the right to petition the government for redress of grievances
- C. the right to own property
- D. freedom of the press

26. The PRI, PAN, PRD and MORENA are the four major political parties in which of the following nations?

- A. Brazil
- B. Argentina
- C. Colombia
- D. Mexico

27. Which of these people is currently, as of October 2020, eligible to become president of the United States?

- A. Barack Obama
- B. Michelle Obama
- C. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- D. Arnold Schwarzenegger

28. The faction that included Alexander Hamilton and was in favor of the ratification of the Constitution in the 1780s was known by what name?
- the Republican party
  - the exodusters
  - the anti-federalists
  - the federalists
29. Since 1933, which of the following is true of the House of Representatives?
- It was controlled for over 60 years by the Democrats
  - It was controlled until the mid-1960s by Democrats, and since then has been largely in Republican control
  - Control of the House has shifted between the parties at regular intervals, usually every 2 to 4 years
  - It was controlled for over 60 years by the Republicans
30. Which of the following is the term for the writ issued by the Supreme Court to review a lower court's judgement?
- writ of certiorari
  - writ of mandamus
  - writ of habeas corpus
  - subpoena
31. The state legislatures of Montana, Nevada, North Dakota and Texas all share what unusual characteristic?
- they are the only state legislatures to have only one house
  - they are the only legislatures not directly elected by the citizens of the state
  - they are the only state legislatures where the upper house is larger than the lower house
  - they are the only state legislatures that do not meet in regular session every year
32. Which of the following do governors Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, John Bel Edwards of Louisiana and Andy Beshear of Kentucky have in common?
- all three are Republican governors of states that voted for Hillary Clinton for president in 2016
  - they all passed sweeping tax cuts in their states in 2020
  - all three sought the Democratic nomination for president in 2020
  - they are Democratic governors in states where Republicans control both chambers of the state legislature
33. All of the following Republicans have endorsed Joe Biden for the presidency in 2020 EXCEPT which of the following?
- John Kasich
  - Mitch McConnell
  - Colin Powell
  - Chuck Hagel
34. The governments of Brunei, Oman and Saudi Arabia share which of the following characteristics?
- they are all absolute monarchies
  - they are all federal republics
  - they all prohibit voting of any kind for local or national offices
  - they are all officially pacifist nations
35. All of these recognize Roman Catholicism as their state religion EXCEPT which of the following?
- Vatican City
  - Italy
  - Monaco
  - Malta
36. An appointed, non-political official who oversees the administrative duties and runs day-to-day operations in an American city is known by which of the following terms?
- mayor
  - city councilman
  - city manager
  - alderman
37. A means through which a citizen or organization can gather signatures to qualify a measure to be placed on a ballot, where it might be approved and enacted into law in a given state is known by what term?
- impeachment
  - referendum
  - initiative
  - primary election
38. One of the most significant issues in the separation of the UK from the European Union involves the land border between what two areas?
- Ireland and Northern Ireland
  - Scotland and England
  - England and Wales
  - France and Belgium
39. Jim Mattis, Rex Tillerson, Ryan Zinke and Rick Perry all have which of the following in common?
- they were all impeached by the House of Representatives since 2017
  - they were all members of President Trump's cabinet who resigned or were fired during his first term
  - they all served as Secretary of State since 2017
  - they were all governors of southern states prior to 2017
40. All of the following are true of non-governmental organizations EXCEPT which of the following?
- all NGOs must reject government funding of any kind
  - many NGOs engage humanitarian and development work around the world
  - many NGOs work to address environmental concerns and combat climate change
  - NGOs may exist at the local, national or international level
41. President Trump held which of the following distinctions on his inauguration in 2017?
- he was the only American president with no prior government experience
  - he was the only American president with no prior military experience
  - he is the only American president to take office after losing the popular vote
  - he was the oldest first-term US president

42. Which of the following is true of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution?
- A. it allowed women the right to vote
  - B. it was proposed under the administration of Abraham Lincoln in the aftermath of the Civil War
  - C. it outlined clear policies to be followed on the death of a president
  - D. it is the only Constitutional amendment to be repealed in its entirety
43. Which of the following is necessary for Congress to override a presidential veto?
- A. a unanimous vote of both houses
  - B. a three-fourths vote of both houses
  - C. a two-thirds vote of both houses
  - D. simple majorities in both houses
44. Which of the following was appointed to the Supreme court by President Donald Trump?
- A. John Roberts
  - B. Elena Kagan
  - C. Maryanne Trump Barry
  - D. Brett Kavanaugh
45. In October of 2020, President Trump joined British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro as the most prominent world leaders to hold what distinction?
- A. to be impeached by their respective legislatures but not removed from office
  - B. to be elected to office without winning the popular vote in their nations
  - C. to test positive for Covid-19
  - D. to be indicted for tax fraud during their term in office
46. All of these are examples of grant-in-aid programs EXCEPT which of the following?
- A. local governments funding police and fire services through sales taxes
  - B. federal education funding for programs like special education
  - C. federal funds for the maintenance of interstate highways in the states
  - D. federal funds to states for administration of healthcare programs like Medicaid and CHIP
47. All of these non-governmental organizations work to address public health issues and protect human life EXCEPT which of the following?
- A. the International Red Cross
  - B. Doctors Without Borders (MSF)
  - C. The Library Project
  - D. HealthRight International
48. All of these are true of Vice President Mike Pence EXCEPT which of the following?
- A. he served as governor of Massachusetts from 2013 to 2017
  - B. he worked as a conservative radio talk show host prior to holding office
  - C. he served as a member of the House of Representatives
  - D. he and his family have a pet rabbit named Marlon Bundo
49. All of these are powers of Congress EXCEPT which of the following?
- A. to borrow money
  - B. to establish post offices
  - C. to define and punish pirates
  - D. to regulate commerce within individual states
50. All of these are actions the president can take under the Presentment Clause on a bill presented by Congress EXCEPT which of the following?
- A. the president can veto the bill
  - B. the president can take no action, either allowing the bill to become a law without a signature or resulting in a 'pocket veto' depending on whether Congress is adjourned or not
  - C. the president can reject the bill and force Congress to make changes
  - D. the president can sign the bill into law