



### Political Science Bee – B Set Qualifying Exam

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**Instructions – Print the letter of the correct answer in the space provided or leave it blank. Write neatly and in capital letters. Correct answers are worth 2 points. Incorrect answers are worth –1 point. Questions left blank are worth 0 points.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Which of these is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution?

- A. protection from cruel and unusual punishment
- B. the free exercise of religion
- C. the right to vote
- D. protection from unreasonable search and seizure

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. All of these Supreme Court cases relate to freedom of speech EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Tinker v. Des Moines
- B. Schenck v. US
- C. Plessy v. Ferguson
- D. Citizens United v. FEC

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which of these is NOT an example of an intergovernmental organization?

- A. the CIA
- B. the Organization of American States
- C. INTERPOL
- D. NATO

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Which of the following have a role in making treaties in the United States?

- A. the Supreme Court and the House of Representatives
- B. state governors and the President
- C. the President and the Senate
- D. the Supreme Court and lower federal courts

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which of the following took over the government of Afghanistan following the withdrawal of US troops in 2021?

- A. a communist government backed by China
- B. the Muslim Brotherhood
- C. the Taliban
- D. a restored monarchy under the Barakzai dynasty

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. What academic discipline would study the relationship between industrial development and legislation within a given country?

- A. international relations
- B. political economy
- C. public administration
- D. comparative politics

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of these men was a principal author of the Federalist Papers?

- A. George Washington
- B. John Adams
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. James Madison

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Which of the following is true of Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland?

- A. she is the first female Cabinet secretary
- B. she is the first Native American Cabinet secretary
- C. she is the only former governor in the Biden cabinet
- D. she is the only former Senator in the Biden cabinet

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. The ‘Great Compromise’ resulted in which of the following at the Constitutional Convention?

- A. the creation of a bicameral legislature
- B. the enumeration of slaves as three-fifths of a person in the census
- C. the president’s veto power
- D. the president becoming commander-in-chief of the United States military

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. All of these are non-governmental organizations that concentrate on environmental issues EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Greenpeace
- B. World Wildlife Fund
- C. the Nature Conservancy
- D. the Environmental Protection Agency

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Which article of the Constitution establishes the executive branch?

- A. Article I
- B. Article II
- C. Article III
- D. Article IV

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Which of these is the political principle that the authority of a state and its government are created and sustained by the consent of its people?

- A. popular sovereignty
- B. divine right
- C. political pluralism
- D. direct election

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Myanmar, Chad, Sudan and Mali all experienced which of these in 2021?

- A. significant rebellions by major ethnic groups within their respective nations
- B. military coups that overthrew elected governments
- C. major sanctions imposed by the United Nations due to misuse of Covid vaccines
- D. significantly stronger economic and political ties with the United States due to their strategic importance

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Anti-government protests in Cuba in 2021 were largely organized by which of the following methods?

- A. via secret messages planted on state-controlled television stations
- B. using radio broadcasts sent to the island by the United States
- C. in opposition newspapers circulated under newly enacted press freedoms
- D. on social media applications like Telegram and Facebook

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Which of the following is currently eligible to become president of the United States?

- A. Bill Clinton
- B. George W. Bush
- C. Barack Obama
- D. Donald Trump

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Roughly how many people are active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces?

- A. 750,000
- B. 1.3 million
- C. 2.5 million
- D. 4 million

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Prior to becoming president, George W. Bush held which of the following positions?

- A. United States Senator from Illinois
- B. governor of Texas
- C. governor of California
- D. United States Senator from Florida

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Which of these is a type of voting in which multiple candidates are ranked based in order of preference?

- A. approval voting
- B. vote splitting
- C. instant-runoff voting
- D. plurality voting

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. The 'Presentment Clause' of the Constitution outlines the president's duties in which of the following situations?

- A. his role as commander-in-chief of the military
- B. his role in appointing Supreme Court justices
- C. his role when presented a bill by Congress
- D. his role in advising Congress on the State of the Union

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Which of the following nations has NOT signed the Ottawa Treaty that bans the use of anti-personnel land mines?

- A. the United Kingdom
- B. France
- C. South Korea
- D. Thailand

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Which of these has a non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives instead of a congressman?

- A. Hawaii
- B. Wyoming
- C. Washington, DC
- D. Alaska

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Which of these is a legal action against unlawful detainment?

- A. subpoena
- B. writ of habeas corpus
- C. bill of attainder
- D. ex post facto law

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Which of these is true of the House of Representatives in the currently serving 117th Congress?

- A. there are just over 240 Republicans in the House
- B. more than 120 members of the House are women
- C. a slight majority of House members are people of color
- D. the majority of Asian-American House members are Republicans

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. What Francophone nation saw its president, Jovenel Moise, assassinated in the summer of 2021?

- A. Angola
- B. Dominican Republic
- C. Haiti
- D. Belgium

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Which of these is required for Congress to override a presidential veto?

- A. presidential vetoes cannot be overridden by Congress
- B. the bill in question must involve taxation or revenue
- C. the approval of the Supreme Court
- D. a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. The concept of 'New Federalism', championed by presidents like Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, involved which of the following?

- A. increasing the power of the federal government over the states
- B. restoration of some autonomy and power to the states
- C. sharp budget cuts to all federal government programs
- D. the abolition of the Department of Education and Department of Energy

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Ebrahim Raisi won a presidential election in what nation in June of 2021, which saw nuclear talks with the US falter later in the year?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Syria

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. Which of these people serves as Senate Minority Leader in the current Congress?

- A. Mitch McConnell
- B. Kevin McCarthy
- C. Nancy Pelosi
- D. Chuck Schumer

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. The Constitution sets the number of Supreme Court justices at which of the following numbers?

- A. 7
- B. 9
- C. 11
- D. the Constitution does not specify a set number of justices on the Supreme Court

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Which of these is not a member of the Group of 7, the group of the wealthiest large democracies in the world?

- A. Japan
- B. Canada
- C. Italy
- D. Russia

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. Which of the following is true of Illinois in the 2020 reapportionment of the House of Representatives?

- A. it lost one House seat
- B. its number of House seats remained the same
- C. it gained one House seat
- D. it gained two House seats

\_\_\_\_\_ 32. Which of these is true of third parties in US presidential elections?

- A. a third-party candidate has won the presidency since 1900
- B. a third-party candidate last received the electoral votes from an entire state in 1968
- C. no third-party candidate has ever received more than 10% of the popular vote
- D. no third-party candidates ran in the 2020 election

\_\_\_\_\_ 33. Which of these two types of expenditures each make up more than 25% of the annual federal budget?

- A. military spending and transportation
- B. education and housing
- C. social security and healthcare
- D. foreign aid and scientific research

\_\_\_\_\_ 34. Which of these was a 'battleground state' in the 2020 presidential election?

- A. New York
- B. California
- C. Kansas
- D. Georgia

\_\_\_\_\_ 35. The Compact of Free Association governs the relationship between the United States and all of these nations EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. the Federated States of Micronesia
- B. the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- C. Puerto Rico
- D. the Republic of Palau

\_\_\_\_\_ 36. The United States has formal diplomatic relations with all of these EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Kosovo
- B. the European Union
- C. Serbia
- D. Palestine

\_\_\_\_\_ 37. Which of these is the largest source of tax revenue for the United States government?

- A. personal income taxes
- B. corporate income taxes
- C. payroll taxes
- D. excise taxes

\_\_\_\_\_ 38. Which of these is the most common selection method for new state supreme court judges?

- A. partisan election
- B. legislative appointment
- C. gubernatorial appointment
- D. non-partisan election

\_\_\_\_\_ 39. Which of these is true of the governorship of Virginia?

- A. Virginia is the only state without a governor
- B. the governor of Virginia is appointed by the state legislature
- C. governors of Virginia are not allowed to serve consecutive terms
- D. the governor of Virginia is the only one in America without a veto power

\_\_\_\_\_ 40. Which of these clauses in the Constitution prevents a state from discriminating against citizens of another state?

- A. the 'Elastic Clause'
- B. the Privileges and Immunities Clause
- C. the Free Exercise Clause
- D. the Guarantee Clause

\_\_\_\_\_ 41. Which of the following is the most recent justice appointed to the United States Supreme Court?

- A. Elena Kagan
- B. Neil Gorsuch
- C. Amy Coney Barrett
- D. Brett Kavanaugh

\_\_\_\_\_ 42. Which Democratic activist has announced their candidacy for governor of Georgia in 2022?

- A. Herschel Walker
- B. Stacey Abrams
- C. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- D. Adam Schiff

\_\_\_\_\_ 43. Which of the following, notable for his reporting on the Watergate scandal, published the books Fear, Rage and Peril about the Trump presidency?

- A. Bob Woodward
- B. Anderson Cooper
- C. Tucker Carlson
- D. Glenn Beck

\_\_\_\_\_ 44. Which of these is true of voting rights in the United States in 2021?

- A. many states have made pandemic-era expansions of voter access permanent
- B. some Republican-led states, like Texas, Arizona and Florida, have implemented new restrictions on voting during 2021
- C. roughly half of states did not significantly change their voting laws
- D. all of these are true of voting rights in 2021

\_\_\_\_\_ 45. The AUKUS agreement caused controversy in late 2021 because it did which of the following?

- A. invalidated many provisions of NAFTA
- B. caused Australia to terminate a major submarine purchase agreement with France
- C. resulted in US threats to permanently withdraw from NATO
- D. intensified European rivalries, especially between the UK and Russia

\_\_\_\_\_ 46. Which two European countries saw a significant migrant crisis erupt along their border in the fall of 2021?

- A. Belgium and the Netherlands
- B. Switzerland and France
- C. Germany and Denmark
- D. Poland and Belarus

\_\_\_\_\_ 47. How many countries are members of the UN?

- A. 75
- B. 120
- C. 193
- D. 241

\_\_\_\_\_ 48. All of these are Islamic republics EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Iran
- B. Pakistan
- C. Mauritania
- D. Saudi Arabia

\_\_\_\_\_ 49. Leaders like Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana advocated which of the following economic and political models in the 1960s?

- A. direct democracy
- B. absolute monarchy
- C. 'African socialism'
- D. Soviet-style communism

\_\_\_\_\_ 50. What prominent Texas politician has announced a challenge to Governor Greg Abbott in 2022?

- A. Ted Cruz
- B. Beto O'Rourke
- C. George W. Bush
- D. Rick Perry