

Exam Review

US Government

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- System of Government is an indirect form of democracy, placing political decision making at least one step away from the people?
- Republic

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- The people are the ultimate source of authority in which governmental system?
- Republic

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- What event showed how feeble the Confederation Congress was and hastened moves to revise the Articles of Confederation?
- Shays Rebellion

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- The main purpose of the Bill of Rights is to?
- Protect individual freedoms

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- The 1803 landmark Supreme Court case *Marbury v. Madison* established the principle of ?
- Judicial Review

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- What is the name of the group of executive departments heads who advise the president?
- Cabinet

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- Under the Constitution, who holds the actual power to elect the president?
- Electoral College

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- When the president vetoes a law passed by Congress, the president is applying the principle of ?
- Checks and balances

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- What power does the judicial branch of government hold?
- Interpreting laws

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- The duties of governing are divided among three branches under the principle of
- Separation of powers

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- Term that refers to people who are represented by a particular member of Congress?
- Constituents

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- How many years is the term of a member of the House of Representatives?
- 2 years

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- How many Senators are there from each state?
- 2

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- How many years do senators serve in the Senate?
- 6 years

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- Which type of constitutional power allows Congress to declare war?
- Expressed powers

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- Who is the most powerful member of the House of Representatives?
- Speaker of the House

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- Who is second in line of succession to the presidency of the United States?
- Speaker of the House

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- How long is the term of the President?
- Four years

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- What job does the Constitution assign the vice-president of the United States?
- President of the Senate

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- When the president signs a bill it becomes?
- Law

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- What can Congress try to do if its members disagree with the President's veto of a bill?
- Override veto

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- How old do you have to be to become president of U.S.?
- 35 years old

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- Under the Presidential Succession Act of 1947, the person next in line after the vice president is the ?
- Speaker of the House

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- The president elected is elected by the?
According to the Constitution.
- Electoral college

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- In pardoning former President Nixon, President Ford exercised which type of presidential power?
- Clemency

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- The power of the president has _____ over time?
- increased

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- The presidential veto is a _____ on Congress.
- Check

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- What did early vice-presidents often complained about?
- To little to do

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- Which courts hear the vast majority of cases in the United States?
- State Courts

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- Which term refers to the sole right of a court to hear a case?
- Exclusive jurisdiction

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- Who makes a legal complaint in a court proceeding?
- plaintiff

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- Which type of jurisdiction is held by a court that reviews the proceedings of a lower court?
- Appellate Jurisdiction

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- Which courts serve as the trial court of the federal system?
- District Courts

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- How many justices on the Supreme Court today?
- 9

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- Which term refers to previous court rulings?
- Precedent

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- Which group gathers to hear evidence of a possible crime and to recommend whether there is sufficient evidence to file criminal charges?
- Grand Jury

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- What is a minor criminal case called?
- misdemeanor

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- Which term refers to someone who files an appeal?
- appellant

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- The written arguments of each side to an appeal are called?
- Briefs

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- If a member of the military violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice, they are subject to prosecution in a ?
- Court-Martial

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- From which court is a case most likely to make its way to the Supreme Court?
- Court of Appeals

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- In the process of hearing a case, what do Supreme Court Justices do after reading the written briefs?
- Oral arguments

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- A majority opinion is one that is signed by at least how many members of the Supreme Court?
- 5

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- What kind of cases makes up the major part of the Supreme Court's load?
- Appeals

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- Who holds the power to impeach a federal judge?
- Congress

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- An interest group that wants to contribute to candidates for Congress would most likely form a?
- PAC Political Action Committee

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- An interest group that endorses a candidate is asking voters to?
- Elect the candidate

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- The main task of a national nominating convention is to?
- Choose a party's candidate for president

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- What takes place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of all even-numbered years?
- Congressional Elections

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- A common criticism of election campaigns is that they are too?
- negative