

# Chapter Test, Form A

## Voting and Elections

**DIRECTIONS: Matching** Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| _____ 1. direct contributions to a candidate's political campaign               | <b>A.</b> midterm election      |
| _____ 2. voting only for candidates from your own party                         | <b>B.</b> propaganda            |
| _____ 3. method by which citizens propose a constitutional law or amendment     | <b>C.</b> poll tax              |
| _____ 4. choosing among alternatives in an election                             | <b>D.</b> early voting          |
| _____ 5. counts votes and certifies winners                                     | <b>E.</b> disenfranchise        |
| _____ 6. allows a person to vote prior to Election Day                          | <b>F.</b> hard money            |
| _____ 7. Congressional election that occurs halfway through a presidential term | <b>G.</b> straight party ticket |
| _____ 8. use of ideas, information, or rumors to influence opinion              | <b>H.</b> voting                |
| _____ 9. fee paid in order to vote  | <b>I.</b> canvassing board      |
| _____ 10. to not allow to vote  | <b>J.</b> initiative            |

**DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice** Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. What was the main reason that many people were denied suffrage in the early period of U.S. history?
- A.** Each state had its own rules concerning who could vote in national elections.
  - B.** Few people, especially those who did not own property, had any desire to be involved in elections.
  - C.** Only a small group of people had access to the information needed to make informed decisions.
  - D.** Many of those in power thought wealthy, well educated white men could make the best choices.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Which of these resulted in the largest increase in African Americans voting?
- A.** American Revolution
  - B.** *Buckley v. Valeo*
  - C.** *Harper v. Virginia Board of Election*
  - D.** Voting Rights Act of 1965
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. A president's term in office
- A.** is limited to a maximum of three terms.
  - B.** is twice as long as that of a representative.
  - C.** must be confirmed by either house of Congress.
  - D.** is twice as long as that of a senator.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Which of these statements concerning political candidates is true?
- A. Due to the large amount of information on the Internet, a candidate's qualifications have become more important while the importance of image has decreased.
  - B. During the past 100 years, there has been little change in the importance of either a candidate's image or qualifications.
  - C. Due to the media, the importance of a candidate's image has increased in recent years.
  - D. The importance of a candidate's image has decreased due to greater candidate exposure in the media.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Because of challenges in registering to vote, one idea to increase turnout is to
- A. allow people to register at the polls.
  - B. require all citizens to have a voter ID card.
  - C. require all citizens to register to vote.
  - D. make voter registration a privilege rather than a requirement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Supporters for congressional term limits say they
- A. decrease the level of campaign contributions.
  - B. increase the advantages an incumbent has.
  - C. eliminate the advantages an incumbent has.
  - D. increase the number of experienced legislators.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Which of these television commercials would probably have a negative impact on voters?
- A. An ad emphasizing the issues that are most important to voters.
  - B. An ad showing a candidate repeatedly changing positions on a specific issue.
  - C. An ad showing workers driving voters to polling places.
  - D. An ad that clearly states a candidate's position on an issue.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Some people are against limits on campaign contributions because they think
- A. campaign contributions are becoming more important than campaign spending.
  - B. limits keep incumbents from becoming overly powerful.
  - C. candidates with fewer financial resources will be penalized.
  - D. limits are a violation of the right to free speech.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. How is a polling place related to a precinct?
- A. A polling place is a single neighborhood within a precinct.
  - B. A polling place is the location within a precinct where people vote.
  - C. A precinct is a single neighborhood within a polling place.
  - D. A precinct is the location within a polling place where people vote.



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- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. An important goal of Freedom Summer was to
- A. aid African Americans in registering to vote.
  - B. encourage the passage of the Twenty-sixth Amendment.
  - C. register more young people between ages 18 and 21 to vote.
  - D. work toward financial reform in candidate campaigns.

**DIRECTIONS: Essay** Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

21. Which of these restrictions on voting do you think would be the most difficult for African Americans to overcome: grandfather clauses, poll taxes, or literacy tests? Explain your answer.

**POLITICAL PARTY PLATFORMS**

PLATFORMS	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
<b>Roe v. Wade</b>	Believes <i>Roe v. Wade</i> was correctly decided and opposes placing additional restrictions on abortion.	Believes <i>Roe v. Wade</i> was wrongly decided and supports placing additional restrictions on abortion.
<b>Gun Regulation</b>	Supports placing additional restrictions on firearms.	Opposes placing additional restrictions on firearms.
<b>Environmental Regulation</b>	Believes government investment should aid environmental efforts.	Believes that private ownership of natural resources leads to better conservation than government ownership.
<b>Same-Sex Marriage</b>	Supports allowing same-sex marriages and equal treatment under law for same-sex couples.	Supports a constitutional amendment defining marriage as "the union of one man and one woman."
<b>Tax Cuts</b>	Supports raising taxes on the wealthiest and eliminating some deductions for large corporations.	Supports reducing taxes for all income levels and eliminating certain types of taxes.
<b>Affordable Care Act</b>	Supports the Affordable Care act and opposes its repeal.	Opposes the Affordable Care act and supports its repeal.
<b>Voter ID</b>	Opposes voter ID laws.	Supports voter ID laws.
<b>Immigration</b>	Supports providing amnesty and a path to citizenship for those who entered the country illegally.	Opposes providing amnesty and a path to citizenship to people who entered the country illegally.

22. Examine the chart describing the differences between the Democratic and Republican positions on specific issues. First, answer this question: Do you think party positions on these issues have a major influence on voters? Explain your answer. Then choose one issue, take a side of that issue (either Democratic or Republican), and write a defense of that position.