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Chapter 1: American Government: Roots, Context, and Culture

Multiple-Choice Questions

1. The indigenous people of North America _____.

   a. had a wide variety of political systems
   b. created trading networks that spanned the continent
   c. were unified in their religious beliefs
   d. generally practiced an early form of direct democracy

   Answer: a
   Topic: What Are the Roots of American Government?
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   Skill Level: Remember the Facts
   Difficulty Level: Moderate

2. What was the most common initial reason for settlement in North America by the first colonists?

   a. family reunification
   b. religious freedom
   c. flight from diseases
   d. commerce

   Answer: d
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3. Many colonial constitutions contained a(n) _____.

   a. local government structure
   b. enumerated bill of rights
   c. unicameral legislature
   d. strong executive branch

   Answer: b
   Topic: Functions of American Government

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4. Indirect democracy uses which of the following?

a. plebiscites
b. unanimity
c. representation
d. aristocrats

Answer: c
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5. What are republics?

a. representative democracies
b. direct democracies
c. a mix of many systems
d. communist regimes

Answer: a
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6. Local governments having police forces and states having national guards are both examples of the government fulfilling which of the following obligations?

a. establishing justice
b. securing the blessings of liberty
c. promoting the general welfare
d. ensuring domestic tranquility

Answer: d
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7. Which of the following best explains why regionalism developed in the early days of the United States?

a. the pursuit of economic equality

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b. the establishment of an aristocracy
c. the goal to find racial equality
d. the pursuit of religious freedom

Answer: d
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Skill Level: Analyze It
Difficulty Level: Difficult

8. In general, which of the following is true about the U.S. population?

a. It is mostly under the age of thirty.
b. It is getting older on average over time.
c. It is becoming more homogeneous.
d. It is becoming more Christian.

Answer: b
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9. Roughly what percentage of Americans are immigrants?

a. 0.7 percent
b. 3 percent
c. 9 percent
d. 15 percent

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10. Which of the following statements best compares Southerners to Northerners?

a. Northerners are more religious.
b. Northerners are more likely to favor an expansion of states' rights.
c. Southerners are more in favor of civil rights.
d. Southerners are more likely to favor downsizing the federal government.

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11. Roughly what percentage of American children live in a single-parent household?

a. 10 percent
b. 15 percent
c. 25 percent
d. 40 percent

Answer: c
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12. Based on the average age of the state's population, which issue would you expect to be least important to voters in Florida, which has the oldest state population in the U.S.?

a. Social Security
b. Medicare
c. public education
d. prescription drug costs

Answer: c
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13. Over time, Americans' expectations of the national government have generally _____.

a. increased compared to what they expect from states
b. decreased as citizens pay a lesser share of taxes
c. been related to national defense
d. been related to foreign policy

Answer: a
Topic: Political Realities: How Are Things, Really?
Learning Objective: 1.4 Characterize changes in Americans' attitudes toward and expectations of government.
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14. Americans' confidence in government institutions in the United States has _____.

a. fluctuated depending on foreign policy commitments
b. been largely dependent on political party affiliation
c. generally decreased over time
d. fluctuated depending on who is in office

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15. Americans generally have the lowest levels of confidence in which of the following institutions?

a. the press
b. the medical system
c. the executive branch
d. Congress

Answer: d
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16. For roughly the first 150 years of its existence, what was the primary responsibility of the national government?

a. regulating business
b. providing national defense
c. providing poverty relief
d. inspecting food

Answer: b
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17. The first permanent English settlement was established where?

a. Jamestown
b. Albany
c. St. Augustine
d. Plymouth

Answer: a
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Difficulty Level: Easy

18. Roger Williams settled which colony as part of his effort to separate from the Church of England?

a. Plymouth
b. Providence Plantations
c. Massachusetts Bay
d. Delaware

Answer: b
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19. The long-term survival of William Penn's colony has been attributed to its _____.

a. mineral wealth
b. natural location
c. religious freedom
d. religious diversity

Answer: d
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20. Enlightenment philosophers would most likely agree that _____.

a. liberty and domestic tranquility went hand in hand and required tolerance of individual differences
b. rights could be violated if it promoted the national defense
c. the government is the sole protector of individual rights
d. it is the role of the government to minimize its involvement in society while maximizing security

Answer: a
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21. The debate over the Affordable Care Act is an example of conflicting visions of _____.

a. whether the federal government cares about the well-being of its citizens
b. whether the federal or state governments are better at enacting social policies

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c. how much the government should be involved in the lives of its citizens
d. how much debt the federal government should be allowed to absorb

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22. Early immigrants to New Amsterdam included _____.

a. women seeking religious toleration
b. free Black people, mainly from the British Isles
c. American Indians fleeing enslavement by Spanish settlers
d. Puritans who had been ejected from England

Answer: b
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23. The first women arrived in Jamestown, Virginia, in the year _____.

a. 1632
b. 1620
c. 1619
d. 1636

Answer: c
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24. What was the key power of colonial assemblies?

a. They acted as advisors to the governors of the colonies.
b. They had command of militias.
c. They functioned as the highest court in the colonies.
d. They were the sole entities entrusted with allocating taxes.

Answer: d
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25. What system of government did the American colonies adopt to fight the Revolutionary War against the British?

a. a confederate form of government
b. a direct democracy
c. independent states linked by treaties to ensure mutual aid
d. a federal system

Answer: a

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26. Single-parent families are more likely to support government investment in which of the following?

a. higher education
b. after-school programs
c. medical research
d. law enforcement reform

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27. For the first 150 years of U.S. history, how did the power of the federal government compare with that of the state governments?

a. The state governments were more powerful only in the areas of tariffs and taxes.
b. The federal and state governments had roughly equal power, but in different areas.
c. The state governments were generally far more powerful.
d. The federal government was more powerful in matters affecting Americans' everyday lives.

Answer: c
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