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Chapter One

1. How many branches of government does the United States have?

A. One
B. Two
C. Three
D. Five

ANSWER: C

2. What are the two-tiers of the United States government?

A. Public and private
B. Federal and State
C. Senate and Congress
D. Senate and White House

ANSWER: B

3. For how many years do we elect senators?

A. Five
B. Six
C. Ten
D. For life

ANSWER: B

4. For how many terms may we elect senators?

A. One
B. Two
C. Four
D. An unlimited amount

ANSWER: D

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5. For how many years do we elect representatives?

A. One
B. Two
C. Four
D. For life

ANSWER: B

6. For how many terms may we elect representatives?

A. One
B. Two
C. Six
D. An unlimited amount

ANSWER: D

7. For how many years do we elect the president of the United States?

A. Four
B. Six
C. Eight
D. For life

ANSWER: A

8. For how many terms may we elect the president of the United States?

A. One
B. Two
C. Four
D. An unlimited amount

ANSWER: B

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9. The Supremacy Clause means that

A. Federal law reigns supreme over conflicting state law.
B. State law reigns supreme over conflicting federal law.
C. Whichever law was passed first, state or federal, reigns supreme.
D. Whichever law was passed most recently, state or federal, reigns supreme.

ANSWER: A

10. How many senators are chosen from each state?

A. One
B. Two
C. Ten
D. It depends on the state's population

ANSWER: B

11. How many representatives are chosen from each state?

A. One
B. Five
C. Twenty
D. It depends on the state's population

ANSWER: D

12. Who is the head of a state's executive branch?

A. The president of the United States
B. The state's mayor
C. The state's governor
D. The state's senator

ANSWER: C

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13. The FBI is part of what branch of government?

A. The legislative
B. The executive
C. The judicial
D. The military

ANSWER: B

14. How many United States Supreme Court justices are there?

A. Seven
B. Eight
C. Nine
D. Twelve

ANSWER: C

15. For how long is a Supreme Court justice appointed?

A. Five years
B. Ten years
C. Until the justice turns 65 years old
D. For life

ANSWER: D

16. Who appoints the Supreme Court justices?

A. The president of the United States
B. The leader of the Senate
C. The leader of the House of Representatives
D. The governor from the justice's home state

ANSWER: A

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17. Who approves a Supreme Court justice's appointment?

A. The president of the United States
B. Congress
C. The Supreme Court's chief justice
D. The governor from the justice's home state

ANSWER: B

18. A person who brings a lawsuit is the

A. Plaintiff
B. Defendant
C. Judge
D. Attorney

ANSWER: A

19. A person against whom a lawsuit is brought is the

A. Plaintiff
B. Defendant
C. Judge
D. Attorney

ANSWER: B

20. A person who brings an appeal is the

A. Respondent
B. Appellee
C. Petitioner
D. Judge

ANSWER: C

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21. A person against whom an appeal is brought is the

A. Appellant
B. Appellee
C. Petitioner
D. Judge

ANSWER: B

22. A justice who tends to create new law is known as a

A. Constitutionalist
B. Open Constructionist
C. Strict Constructionist
D. Loose Constructionist

ANSWER: D

23. Most legal conflicts result in

A. Litigation
B. Appeals
C. Congressional intervention
D. Settling out of court

ANSWER: D

24. The legal power of the court to adjudicate a case is called

A. Appellate decision
B. Litigation
C. Strict Construction
D. Jurisdiction

ANSWER: D

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25. The system of Checks and Balances is designed to

A. Facilitate the American banking system
B. Assist individuals in balancing their checkbooks
C. Facilitate the election process
D. Prevent any one government branch from becoming too powerful

ANSWER: D

26. Which of these presidents was impeached?

A. Richard Nixon
B. Andrew Jackson
C. Andrew Johnson
D. Lyndon Johnson

ANSWER: C

27. Which branch of government creates laws?

A. The executive branch
B. The legislative branch
C. The judicial branch
D. The military

ANSWER: B

28. What is a state's legislative branch called?

A. The United States Congress
B. The city council
C. The state legislature
D. City hall

ANSWER: C

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29. What is another term for appellant?

A. Plaintiff
B. Defendant
C. Petitioner
D. Respondent

ANSWER: C

30. What is another name for appellee?

A. Plaintiff
B. Defendant
C. Petitioner
D. Respondent

ANSWER: D

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Should there be a limit to the amount for which a person may sue or should the person have the right to sue for any amount?

2. Should senators and representatives be subjected to term limits, as presidents are, or should all elected officials, including presidents have the right to be elected to an unlimited number of terms?

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