

Name _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- 1) The U.S. presidential election takes place every four years on the _____
A) first Tuesday in November.
B) second Tuesday in November.
C) the first Tuesday after the second Monday in November.
D) the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- 2) Peaceful transition of government in the U.S. is _____
A) unusual. B) a marvel. C) a luxury. D) unexpected.
- 3) The United States is sometimes called a "Democrat's paradise" because _____
A) of high voter turnout.
B) this country conducts more elections than any other country.
C) the Democrats usually control Congress.
D) all of the above
- 4) Elections are _____
A) a means to fill public offices.
B) a means to hold government officials accountable.
C) guarantees of mass political action.
D) all of the above
- 5) A command for the elected official to carry out their platforms is called a(n) _____
A) order. B) prescription. C) mandate. D) injunction.
- 6) A primary in which only a party's registered voters are eligible to participate is called _____
A) blanket. B) closed.
C) open. D) all of the above
- 7) The process that allows citizens to propose legislation and submit it to the electorate for popular vote is called _____
A) initiative. B) referendum. C) proposition. D) recall.
- 8) The procedure by which the state legislature submits proposed legislation for voter approval is called _____
A) referendum. B) initiative. C) ratification. D) proposition.
- 9) In some states, an incumbent can be removed from office by popular vote. This process is called _____
A) recall. B) referendum. C) indictment. D) impeachment.
- 10) In recent years, states have had a tendency to choose early dates for their presidential primaries in order to gain influence in the process. This is called _____
A) front loading. B) influence peddling.
C) primary staging. D) gerrymandering.

- 11) Critics of the presidential primary argue that 11) _____
A) scheduling of primaries affects who wins.
B) media are too important in the process.
C) the quality of participation in primaries is low.
D) all of the above
- 12) Today the parties' national conventions 12) _____
A) merely ratify preselected nominees. B) behave as decision-makers.
C) are often full of surprises. D) are deliberative bodies.
- 13) Delegates to both of the national party conventions are 13) _____
A) demographically representative of the population in terms of race, class, and gender.
B) younger than the average American.
C) generally representative of average Americans.
D) wealthier and ideologically more pure than most Americans.
- 14) The electoral college was designed to 14) _____
A) decrease the role of the states in selecting the president.
B) select a president based on party affiliation.
C) produce a nonpartisan president.
D) ensure that the president and vice president be of different parties as an additional check on the federal government.
- 15) In 1796, a flaw discovered within the electoral college resulted in 15) _____
A) no vice president being chosen.
B) a president and vice president of different political philosophies.
C) a president was chosen by the Senate.
D) a president was elected without a majority of the vote.
- 16) The electoral college was modified by the _____ Amendment. 16) _____
A) Thirteenth B) Eleventh C) Twelfth D) Tenth
- 17) In the event that a single presidential candidate does not get a majority of electoral votes, the 17) _____
Constitution states that the _____ decides the winner.
A) Senate B) Supreme Court
C) entire Congress D) House of Representatives
- 18) A shifting of party coalitions in the electorate that remain in place for several elections are called 18) _____
A) transitions. B) realignments.
C) electoral shifts. D) dealignments.
- 19) An election that signals a lasting change in party coalitions is called 19) _____
A) crucial. B) consequential.
C) significant. D) critical.

- 20) Congressional elections differ from those for the presidency, because 20) _____
A) many candidates are celebrities.
B) media attention is acute in congressional races.
C) incumbency is relatively unimportant.
D) most candidates are not well-known.
- 21) One of the reasons that congressional incumbents have an electoral advantage is 21) _____
A) constituency service.
B) members have very high visibility.
C) their reelection bids are federally funded.
D) all of the above
- 22) In 1994, the reelection rate for incumbents in Congress was _____ percent. 22) _____
A) 55 B) 78 C) 60 D) 90
- 23) About _____ percent of eligible Americans vote regularly. 23) _____
A) 55 B) 33 C) 65 D) 40
- 24) Approximately _____ % of eligible voters rarely or never vote. 24) _____
A) 48 B) 28 C) 15 D) 35
- 25) In general, voter turnout is higher among those who are 25) _____
A) less educated with a moderate income. B) female.
C) older and wealthier. D) all of the above
- 26) An important voting trend in the last few years is 26) _____
A) straight-ticket voting. B) ticket-splitting.
C) anti-incumbency voting. D) all of the above
- 27) The Court held in *Buckley v. Valeo* (1976) held: 27) _____
A) Congress did not have the authority to regulate campaign finances.
B) Congress could limit campaign contributions but not expenditures
C) congressional campaign regulation posed no constitutional issues.
D) Congress could limit campaign expenditures but not contributions.
- 28) In *Buckley v. Valeo* (1976) the core constitutional issues raised were from which 28) _____
amendment:
A) 4th B) 5th C) 1st D) 14th
- 29) In the *Citizens United v. FEC* Case the Court said which groups political free speech could not be 29) _____
infringed
A) minorities B) racist
C) corporate D) foreign citizens
- 30) The law disputed in *Citizens United* being reviewed was 30) _____
A) Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 B) Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act
C) Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act D) Soft Money Act 1993

In the box : Who will win the VP Debate tonight at 8pm?

Answer Key

Testname: CHAPTER 13 QUIZ

- 1) D
- 2) B
- 3) B
- 4) D
- 5) C
- 6) B
- 7) A
- 8) A
- 9) A
- 10) A
- 11) D
- 12) A
- 13) D
- 14) C
- 15) B
- 16) C
- 17) D
- 18) B
- 19) D
- 20) D
- 21) A
- 22) D
- 23) D
- 24) D
- 25) C
- 26) B
- 27) B
- 28) C
- 29) C
- 30) A