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Civics Quiz

You answered 33 out of 33 correctly — 100.00 %

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Where to from here?

1) Which of the following are the inalienable rights referred to in the Declaration of Independence?
A. life, liberty, and property
B. honor, liberty, and peace
C. liberty, health, and community
D. life, respect, and equal protection
E. life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
2) In 1933 Franklin Delano Roosevelt proposed a series of government programs that became known as:
A. the Great Society
B. the Square Deal
C. the New Deal
O. the New Frontier
E. supply-side economics
3) What are the three branches of government?
A. executive, legislative, judicial
B. executive, legislative, military

C. bureaucratic, military, industry
O. federal, state, local
4) What was the main issue in the debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas in 1858?
A. Is slavery morally wrong?
B. Would slavery be allowed to expand to new territories?
C. Do Southern states have the constitutional right to leave the union?
D. Are free African Americans citizens of the United States?
F) The United Otates Flactoral Calls
5) The United States Electoral College:
A. trains those aspiring for higher political office
B. was established to supervise the first televised presidential debates
C. is otherwise known as the U.S. Congress
D. is a constitutionally mandated assembly that elects the president
E. was ruled undemocratic by the Supreme Court
6) The Bill of Rights explicitly prohibits:
A. prayer in public school
B. discrimination based on race, sex, or religion
C. the ownership of guns by private individuals
D. establishing an official religion for the United States
E. the president from vetoing a line item in a spending bill
7) What was the source of the following phrase: "Government of the people, by the people, for the people"?
A. the speech "I Have a Dream"
B. Declaration of Independence
C. U.S. Constitution
D. Gettysburg Address
8) In 1935 and 1936 the Supreme Court declared that important parts of the New Deal were unconstitutional. President Roosevelt responded by threatening to:
A. impeach several Supreme Court justices

•	C. appoint additional Supreme Court justices who shared his views
or	D. override the Supreme Court's decisions by gaining three-quarter majorities in both houses of gress
	Under Our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the gral government?
•	A. Make treaties
0	B. Make zoning laws
0	C. Maintain prisons
0	D. Establish standards for doctors and lawyers
0)	Name one right or freedom guaranteed by the first amendment.
0	A. Right to bear arms
0	B. Due process
•	C. Religion
0	D. Right to counsel
1)	What impact did the Anti-Federalists have on the United States Constitution?
•	A. their arguments helped lead to the adoption of the Bill of Rights
0	B. their arguments helped lead to the abolition of the slave trade
0	C. their influence ensured that the federal government would maintain a standing army
0	D. their influence ensured that the federal government would have the power to tax
2)	Which of the following statements is true about abortion?
0	A. it was legal in most states in the 1960s
•	B. the Supreme Court struck down most legal restrictions on it in Roe v. Wade
of a	C. the Supreme Court ruled in <i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> that underage women must notify their parents n impending abortion
0	D. the National Organization for Women has lobbied for legal restrictions on it
0	E. it is currently legal only in cases of rape or incest, or to protect the life of the mother

B. moral id	deas are best explained as material accidents or byproducts of evolution
C. values	originating in one's conscience cannot be judged by others
D. Christia	anity is the only true religion and should rule the state
E. certain	permanent moral and political truths are accessible to human reason
14) The Purit	rans:
A. oppose	d all wars on moral grounds
B. stresse	d the sinfulness of all humanity
C. believe	d in complete religious freedom
D. coloniza	ed Utah under the leadership of Brigham Young
E. were C	atholic missionaries escaping religious persecution
15) The phra appears in:	se that in America there should be a "wall of separation" between church and state
A. George	Washington's Farewell Address
B. the May	/flower Compact
C. the Cor	nstitution
O. the Dec	claration of Independence
E. Thomas	s Jefferson's letters
16) In his "I H	lave a Dream" speech, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:
A. argued	for the abolition of slavery
B. advoca	ted black separatism
C. morally	defended affirmative action
D. express	sed his hopes for racial justice and brotherhood
E. propose	ed that several of America's founding ideas were discriminatory
	vas the name given to the first:
A. telecom	nmunications system
B. animal	to travel to space
C. hydrog	en bomb
D. manma	de satellite

\odot	A. guarantee women the right to vote in national elections
0	B. guarantee former slaves the right to vote
0	C. ensure that harsher laws against criminals were passed
0	D. reduce the authority of the Constitution of the United States
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19)	The Scopes "Monkey Trial" was about:
0	A. freedom of the press
•	B. teaching evolution in the schools
0	C. prayer in the schools
0	D. education in private schools
20)	Who is the commander in chief of the U.S. military?
0	A. Secretary of the army
0	B. Secretary of state
•	C. President
0	D. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
21)	Name two countries that were our enemies during World War II.
0	A. Canada and Mexico
•	B. Germany and Japan
0	C. England and Spain
0	D. China and Russia
22)	What part of the government has the power to declare war?
•	A. Congress
0	B. the president
0	C. the Supreme Court
0	D. the Joint Chiefs of Staff
221	In October 1962 the United States and the Soviet Union came close to war over the issue of

B. missiles in Cuba
C. support of the Ho Chi Minh regime in Viet Nam
D. military support of the Marxist regime in Afghanistan
24) In the area of United States foreign policy, Congress shares power with the:
A. president
B. Supreme Court
C. state governments
O. United Nations
25) Free enterprise or capitalism exists insofar as:
A. experts managing the nation's commerce are appointed by elected officials
B. individual citizens create, exchange, and control goods and resources
C. charity, philanthropy, and volunteering decrease
D. demand and supply are decided through majority vote
E. government implements policies that favor businesses over consumers
26) Business profit is:
A. cost minus revenue
B. assets minus liabilities
C. revenue minus expenses
O. selling price of a stock minus its purchase price
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0	A. encourages more investment from those with higher incomes
0	B. is illustrated by a 6% sales tax
•	C. requires those with higher incomes to pay a higher ratio of taxes to income
0	D. requires every income class to pay the same ratio of taxes to income
0	E. earmarks revenues for poverty reduction
29)	A flood-control levee (or National Defense) is considered a public good because:
0	A. citizens value it as much as bread and medicine
•	B. a resident can benefit from it without directly paying for it
0	C. government construction contracts increase employment
0	D. insurance companies cannot afford to replace all houses after a flood
0	E. government pays for its construction, not citizens
	Which of the following fiscal policy combinations would a government most likely follow to late economic activity when the economy is in a severe recession?
0	A. increasing both taxes and spending
0	B. increasing taxes and decreasing spending
•	C. decreasing taxes and increasing spending
0	D. decreasing both taxes and spending
31)	International trade and specialization most often lead to which of the following?
•	A. an increase in a nation's productivity
0	B. a decrease in a nation's economic growth in the long term
0	C. an increase in a nation's import tariffs
0	D. a decrease in a nation's standard of living
32)	Which of the following is a policy tool of the Federal Reserve?
0	A. raising or lowering income taxes
0	B. increasing or decreasing unemployment benefits
•	C. buying or selling government securities
0	D. increasing or decreasing government spending
33)	If taxes equal government spending, then:

A. government debt is zero
B. printing money no longer causes inflation
C. government is not helping anybody
D. tax per person equals government spending per person
E. tax loopholes and special-interest spending are absent

(Optional)

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