

## What's Your Constitution IQ?: Expert Quiz #1

- 1. The length of term of members of the House of Representatives is:**
  - a. 2 years
  - b. 6 years
  - c. 4 years
  - d. 5 years
- 2. The Constitutional Convention met in:**
  - a. New York
  - b. Philadelphia
  - c. Washington, D.C.
  - d. Boston
- 3. The Articles of Confederation did not provide for:**
  - a. courts
  - b. Congress
  - c. laws
  - d. making treaties
- 4. The President of the meeting called to change the Articles of the Confederation was:**
  - a. James Madison
  - b. Robert Morris
  - c. George Washington
  - d. Benjamin Franklin
- 5. The number of men who signed the Constitution was:**
  - a. 39
  - b. 13
  - c. 48
  - d. 12
- 6. The number of main branches in our government is:**
  - a. 6
  - b. 21
  - c. 7
  - d. 3
- 7. The legislative branch of our government is called:**
  - a. the Cabinet
  - b. Congress
  - c. Supreme Court
  - d. the F.B.I.
- 8. The number of amendments the Congress added to the Constitution in 1791 was:**
  - a. 3
  - b. 1
  - c. 10
  - d. 13
- 9. Laws for the United States are made by:**
  - a. the President
  - b. the Senate
  - c. Congress
  - d. the Supreme Court
- 10. Our country's first constitution was called:**
  - a. the Articles of Confederation
  - b. the Declaration of Independence
  - c. the "Federalist Papers"
  - d. the Emancipation Proclamation
- 11. A member of the House of Representatives must have been a citizen of the United States for at least:**
  - a. 7 years
  - b. 5 years
  - c. 1 year
  - d. 10 years
- 12. The Speaker of the House is chosen by:**
  - a. the President
  - b. the Senate
  - c. the House of Representatives
  - d. the Chief Justice

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**13. Senators are now elected by:**

- a. State Legislatures
- b. the House of Representatives
- c. State electors
- d. the people

**14. The length of a term of a Senator is:**

- a. 2 years
- b. 4 years
- c. 6 years
- d. 8 years

**15. A member of the U.S. Senate must be at least:**

- a. 21 years old
- b. 25 years old
- c. 30 years old
- d. 35 years old

**16. The President of the Senate is:**

- a. the oldest Senator
- b. an elected Senator
- c. the Chief Justice
- d. the Vice-President of the United States

**17. Money may be coined or printed only by:**

- a. Congress
- b. the President
- c. the States
- d. the Attorney-General

**18. The Constitution forbids the use of:**

- a. a veto
- b. an oath
- c. a preamble
- d. a bill of attainder

**19. The Constitution forbids States to:**

- a. make laws
- b. coin money
- c. use a sales tax
- d. take a State census

**20. An impeached man is found guilty by a vote of:**

- a. the entire Congress
- b. a majority of the Senate
- c. the entire Senate
- d. two-thirds of the Senators present

**21. In order to do their work, the House and Senate must have present:**

- a. three-fourths of the members
- b. two-thirds of the members
- c. more than one-half of the members
- d. all of the members

**22. A record of each Senator's or Representative's vote must be given if requested by:**

- a. one-half of the members
- b. a majority of the members
- c. two-thirds of the members
- d. one-fifth of the members

**23. Tax bills may be written only by:**

- a. the House of Representatives
- b. the Secretary of the Treasury
- c. the Senate
- d. the President

**24. After a bill has been sent to the President, it becomes a law if he does not send it back within:**

- a. 10 days
- b. 1 week
- c. 15 days
- d. 1 month

**25. A law to punish a man for something that was not against the law when he did it is called:**

- a. an "ex post facto" law
- b. a writ of "habeas corpus"
- c. a bill of attainder
- d. a letter of reprisal

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- 26. The length of the term of the President is:**
- 2 years
  - 4 years
  - 5 years
  - 6 years
- 27. The President's term ends at noon on:**
- 7 years
  - 5 years
  - 1 year
  - 10 years
- 28. The longest possible time a person could now serve as President is:**
- 4 years
  - 8 years
  - 10 years
  - 12 years
- 29. A U.S. President must have lived in the United States at least:**
- 2 years
  - 5 years
  - 10 years
  - 14 years
- 30. The President may make a treaty provided he gets agreement from:**
- a majority of Congress
  - two-thirds of the Senators present
  - two-thirds of the House
  - a majority of the Senate
- 31. The Supreme Court has a Chief Justice and:**
- 4 associate justices
  - 6 associate justices
  - 8 associate justices
  - 9 associate justices
- 32. Questions about interpreting the Constitution are finally settled by:**
- the Supreme Court
  - the U.S. District Courts
  - the President
  - the Circuit Courts of Appeals
- 33. The Constitution guarantees anybody who has committed a crime the right of:**
- selecting his own jury
  - trial by jury
  - choosing the judge
  - delaying his trial
- 34. To convict for treason, there must be at least:**
- one witness
  - two witnesses
  - three witnesses
  - four witnesses
- 35. Congress may propose an amendment to the Constitution whenever:**
- either House wants the amendment
  - two-thirds of both Houses want it
  - the Senate wants it
  - the President wants it
- 36. An amendment may also become part of the Constitution by:**
- approval by conventions in three-fourths of the States
  - demand of the President
  - approval by a majority of governors
  - vote of the Supreme Court
- 37. Nobody holding a United States office shall ever have to pass a:**
- civil service test
  - religious test
  - mental test
  - age test

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- 38. No person's house or property may be searched without:**
- a bill of attainder
  - a government investigation
  - a search warrant
  - evidence of treason
- 39. A man accused of a crime in court has a right to:**
- hear the witnesses against him
  - be tried wherever he wants
  - have any judge he wants
  - change courts
- 40. If the candidates for President have no majority of the electoral votes, the President is elected by:**
- the Cabinet
  - the House of Representatives
  - the Senate
  - the Supreme Court
- 41. The U.S. can punish a State which denies the right of citizens to vote by:**
- fining it
  - putting it out of the Union
  - reducing the number of its Representatives
  - reducing the number of its Senators
- 42. The number of amendments to the Constitution is:**
- 7
  - 21
  - 27
  - 12
- 43. The Nineteenth Amendment protects the voting rights of:**
- new citizens
  - women
  - absentee voters
  - foreign-born citizens
- 44. The number of departments the President has in his cabinet is:**
- 2
  - 15
  - 8
  - 10
- 45. Invoking the Fifth Amendment means an accused man:**
- refuses to testify against himself
  - refuses to be tried again
  - demand a grand jury
  - wants to appeal his case
- 46. The President's oath is usually administered by:**
- the Attorney General
  - the Chief Justice
  - the Vice-President
  - the Secretary of State
- 47. The right of all citizens to vote, regardless of their race, is provided in Amendment:**
- 12
  - 15
  - 16
  - 18

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**48. The Constitution writers at first provided that the President be elected by:**

- a. the people
- b. the Congress
- c. State electors
- d. the House of Representatives

**49. The President whose election depended upon the vote of the House of Representatives was:**

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. John Adams
- c. George Washington
- d. Aaron Burr

**50. Our first Vice-President was:**

- a. Alexander Hamilton
- b. Thomas Jefferson
- c. Benjamin Franklin
- d. John Adams



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