

## Chapter 4 Test

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**Directions:**

This is a 20-question test. Once you've completed it, the answer key will become available.

**You may take this test only ONCE.**

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The most central belief of the Federalist Party was in

- the abolition of slavery.
- a strong central government.
- states' rights.
- imposing the gold standard.

2) QID: 20030

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In the Electoral College, which two states do not cast their ballots in a winner-take-all manner?

- Maine and Nebraska
- Maryland and Iowa
- Rhode Island and Oregon
- Virginia and New Mexico

3) QID: 20031

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The Democrats and Republicans have been the major U.S. political parties for more than 100 years. All of the following are reasons for the parties' longevity **except**

- voters usually cast their ballots for candidates who have an actual chance of winning, instead of basing their votes on pure ideology.
- the platforms of both Republicans and Democrats include minority points of view.
- Americans tend to vote in primary elections.
- the procedures of the Electoral College promote only dominant parties.

4) QID: 20055

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What is the main reason a political action committee contributes to a particular candidate?

- It likes the candidate's political stance.
- It thinks the candidate will win the election.
- It favors one party over another.
- It wants to perpetuate the two-party system.

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By the mid-1990s, approximately how much money on average was spent to win a U.S. senate race?

- \$1,000,000
- \$3,500,000
- \$7,000,000
- \$10,500,000

6) QID: 20070

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If a congressional representative does **not** vote with his or her party, the party can

- force the representative to follow the party's wishes.
- dissolve the government and order a new election.
- remove the representative from office.
- do very little until the next election.

7) QID: 20092

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From 1950 to 2000, the total number of women and African-Americans serving in Congress

- Stayed the same
- Increased
- Decreased
- Decreased to zero

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8) QID: 20104

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To qualify for the matching funds system of the Federal Election Campaign Act, a candidate must do all of the following **except**

- raise \$5,000 in each of 20 states, in contributions of \$250 or less.
- comply with federal spending limits.
- contribute at least \$100,000 of their own money.
- agree to use the funds only for campaign expenses.

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What is the largest source of political action committees?

- Businesses
- Labor Unions
- Ideological PACs
- Environmental PACs

10) QID: 20110

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Which of the following is **not** a consequence of the Federal Election Campaign Act?

- Challengers are on an equal footing with incumbents.
- There has been a rise in the number of political action committees.
- Large amounts of cash no longer corrupt campaigns.
- There is now a permanent campaign season.

11) QID: 24298

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The \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

- 14th
- 19th
- 24th
- 26th

12) QID: 24302

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Which group has the highest voting percentage?

- Those with less than a high school education
- Those with only a high school education
- Those with only 1-3 years of college education
- College graduates

13) QID: 24305

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Which age group had the lowest voting percentage in 1996?

- 18-24
- 25-44
- 45-64
- over 65

14) QID: 20140

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The media that has evolved most recently is

- talk radio.
- cable news.
- news magazines.
- the Internet.

15) QID: 20147

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A typical sound bite is **not**

- 10 seconds or less.
- convenient for media broadcasts.
- a serious idea expressed at length.
- a pithy, quotable statement.

16) QID: 20159

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Corporate ownership of media outlets

- is increasingly rare.
- may lead to the outlet representing its owner's views.
- helps the media to remain objective.
- is restricted to the newspaper industry.

17) QID: 20106

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Issue advertising

- emphasizes a specific concern in a way favorable to a particular candidate.
- is generally paid for by a candidate personally.
- may be financed only up to a certain limit.
- explicitly endorses a candidate.

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18) QID: 20072

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In 1994, Republicans unveiled the *Contract with America* to help the party win congressional elections. The document was held up as a model for responsible government. Which of the following statements about the contract is **NOT** true?

- More than 300 candidates signed it.
- Candidates who signed it were not obligated to vote for it.
- The platform helped Republicans become the majority party.
- Most Americans used it to help them decide how to vote.

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The Reform Party's presidential candidate in 2000 was

- Ralph Nader.
- Patrick Buchanan.
- H. Ross Perot.
- Alan Keyes.

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A state has electoral votes equal to the number of its

- senators.
- House members.
- senators, House members, and governor.
- House members and senators.

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