Review Questions American Govt. Chapter 6 & 8 – The Executive and Judicial branches

1. The Constitution lays out certain qualifications for the presidency. If you want to be President of the U.S., you must be at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years old.

2. In the Constitution, as originally written, only members of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were directly elected by qualified citizens.

3. The president is chosen by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not by popular vote.

4. The president has military power, judicial powers such as nominating federal judge. He is the nation’s chief diplomat. The president can also propose laws, which is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power. He also has executive power, being the chief executive, which means he supposed to ensure that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the nation are carried out.

5. Formal powers are found in the Constitution, mainly in which Article?

6. Another name for Formal Powers are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Powers.

7. The first power given to the President in the Constitution is that he is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the armed forces.

8. Name the only president who has led U.S. troops in the field while he was President?

10. The power to veto laws passed by Congress is a form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power.

11. The president’s judicial (judges) appointments have to be approved by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. The president uses a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to free a person convicted of a federal crime.

13. The Constitution says nothing about the Supreme Court having the power to overturn laws. In a Supreme Court decision of 1803, *Marbury vs. Madison*, the Court established this power for itself. What is this power called?

14. Fill in the missing word or words: The four roles of the president mentioned in the presentation are that of

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Commander in Chief
3. Foreign policy leader
4. Chief of state

15. Which of the four roles of the president deal with diplomacy?

16. Who set the precedent of a president only serving two terms?

17. Who broke that precedent?

18. What does the 22nd amendment do?

19. If there is a tie in the Electoral College, who chooses the president?

20. Is it possible to win the popular vote for President, but lose the election?

21. When a president receives a foreign country’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it effectively means recognition of that foreign country’s existence.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. The number of Electors in the Electoral College is based on

a. Congressional Representation of each state

b. one elector per state as stated in the Constitution

c. the population of the state

d. the geographic size of the state

23. How many Electors are there in the Electoral College?

24. How many Electors are needed to win a Presidential election?

25. What state has the most Electors?

26. In 1951, the 22nd Amendment did what?

27. Authority to hear and decide a case is called

28. The sole right to hear a case is

29. Jurisdiction held by both state and federal courts is called

30. Person who makes a legal complaint is the

31. Person against whom a case is filed is the

32. Jurisdiction of the court that first hears a case is called

33. Concept that judges should interpret the Constitution according to its original meaning is called

34. The idea that that judges can adapt the meaning of the Constitution to meet the demands of contemporary realities is called

35. A previous court ruling is a

36. The law that organized the federal court system into district courts, circuit courts, and the Supreme  
 Court was called

37. What is the lowest of the 3 tiers of Federal Courts?

38. What are the three tiers of Federal Courts established in 1789?

39. What is the court of final appeal?

40. Which of the three levels of Federal Courts established by Congress serves as the trial court for the Federal System?

41. Do you think Supreme Court Justices should show Judicial Restraint or should they act as Judicial Activists? IDK is not an answer. Answer and explain.

42. The Supreme Court ruling calling for desegregation of school was

43. The Supreme Court ruling that established the Court’s power to review acts of Congress and state laws to test their constitutionality was

44. How many Supreme Court Justices are there?

45. Be familiar with the Roles of the President, as talked about in class and as written in your textbook.

If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door. ----- Milton Berle

Answers:

1. 35

2. House of Representatives

3. Electoral College

4. legislative, laws

5. 2

6. Expressed

7. Commander in Chief

8. George Washington

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10. legislative

11. Senate

12. pardon

13. Judicial Review

14. Chief Executive

15. foreign policy leader

16. George Washington

17. Franklin D. Roosevelt

18. Set the president’s term limit to two terms.

19. House of Representatives

20. yes

21. ambassador

22. A

23. 538

24. 270

25. California

26. A president can only serve a total of two terms

27. jurisdiction

28. exclusive jurisdiction

29. concurrent jurisdiction

30. plaintiff

31. defendant

32. original jurisdiction

33. judicial restraint

34. judicial activism

35. precedent

36. Judicial Act of 1789

37. District Court

38. District Court, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court

39. Supreme Court

40. District Court

42. Brown vs. Board of Eduction, Topeka, Kansas

43. Marbury vs. Madison

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