

US Citizenship Naturalization Test 2010 –with solutions

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1. What is the supreme law of the land?
 - (a) The Constitution
2. What does the Constitution do?
 - (a) defines the government
 - (b) protects basic rights of Americans
3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
 - (a) We the People
4. What is an amendment?
 - (a) a change to the Constitution
5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
 - (a) The Bill of Rights
6. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
 - (a) speech
 - (b) religion
 - (c) assembly
7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
 - (a) twenty-seven (27)
8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
 - (a) declared our independence (from Great Britain)
9. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?
 - (a) life
 - (b) liberty
 - (c) pursuit of happiness
10. What is freedom of religion?
 - (a) You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.
11. What is the economic system in the United States?
 - (a) capitalist economy
 - (b) market economy
12. What is the “rule of law”?
 - (a) Everyone must follow the law.
 - (b) No one is above the law.
13. Name one branch or part of the government.
 - (a) Legislative (Congress)
 - (b) Executive
 - (c) Judicial
14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
 - (a) checks and balances
 - (b) separation of powers
15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
 - (a) the President
16. Who makes federal laws?
 - (a) Congress
17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?
 - (a) the Senate and House of Representatives
18. How many U.S. Senators are there?
 - (a) one hundred (100)
19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?
 - (a) six (6)

20. Who is one of your state's U.S. Senators?
 (a) The territory of PR has no U.S. Senators.
21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
 (a) four hundred thirty-five (435)
22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
 (a) two (2)
23. Name your U.S. Representative.
 (a) Answers vary.
24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
 (a) all people of the state
25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
 (a) because of the state's population
26. We elect a President for how many years?
 (a) four
27. In what month do we vote for President?
 (a) November
28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?
 (a) Barack Obama
29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now?
 (a) Joe Biden
30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
 (a) the Vice President
31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
 (a) the Speaker of the House
32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
 (a) the President
33. Who signs bills to become laws?
 (a) the President
34. Who vetoes bills?
 (a) the President
35. What does the President's Cabinet do?
 (a) advises the President
36. What are two Cabinet-level positions?
 (a) Secretaries of
 i. Agriculture viii. Housing and
 ii. Commerce Urban
 iii. Defense Development
 iv. Education ix. Interior
 v. Energy x. State
 vi. Health and xi. Transportation
 Human xii. Treasury
 Services xiii. Veterans'
 vii. Homeland Affairs
 Security xiv. Labor
- (b) Attorney General
37. What does the judicial branch do?
 (a) reviews laws
 (b) explains laws
 (c) resolves disputes
 (d) decides if a law goes against the Constitution
38. What is the highest court in the United States?
 (a) the Supreme Court
39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
 (a) nine (9)
40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States?

- (a) John G. Roberts, Jr.
41. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
- (a) to print money
 - (b) to declare war
 - (c) to create an army
 - (d) to make treaties
42. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?
- (a) provide schooling and education
 - (b) provide protection (police)
 - (c) provide safety (fire departments)
 - (d) give a driver's license
 - (e) approve zoning and land use
43. Who is the Governor of your state?
- (a) Answer varies
44. What is the capital of your state?
- (a) Answer varies
45. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
- (a) Democratic and Republican
46. What is the political party of the President now?
- (a) Democratic (Party)
47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
- (a) Nancy Pelosi
48. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
- (a) Citizens eighteen (18) and older (can vote).
- (b) You don't have to pay (a poll tax) to vote.
- (c) Any citizen can vote. (Women and men can vote.)
- (d) A male citizen of any race (can vote).
49. What is one responsibility that is only for United States citizens?
- (a) serve on a jury
 - (b) vote
50. What are two rights only for United States citizens?
- (a) apply for a federal job
 - (b) vote
 - (c) run for office
 - (d) carry a U.S. passport
51. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?
- (a) freedom of expression
 - (b) freedom of speech
 - (c) freedom of assembly
 - (d) freedom to petition the government
 - (e) freedom of worship
 - (f) the right to bear arms
52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
- (a) the United States
 - (b) the flag
53. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?
- (a) give up loyalty to other countries
 - (b) defend the Constitution and laws of the United States
 - (c) obey the laws of the United States
 - (d) serve in the U.S. military (if needed)
 - (e) serve the nation (if needed)
 - (f) be loyal to the United States
54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?
- (a) eighteen (18) and older

55. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
- (a) vote
 - (b) join a political party
 - (c) help with a campaign
 - (d) join a civic group
 - (e) call Senators and Representatives
 - (f) publicly support or oppose an issue or policy
 - (g) run for office
 - (h) write to a newspaper
56. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?
- (a) April 15
57. When must all men register for the Selective Service?
- (a) at age eighteen (18)
 - (b) between eighteen (18) and twenty-six (26)
58. What is one reason colonists came to America?
- (a) freedom
 - (b) political liberty
 - (c) religious freedom
 - (d) economic opportunity
 - (e) escape persecution
59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
- (a) Native Americans
60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
- (a) Africans
61. Why did the colonists fight the British?
- (a) because of high taxes (taxation without representation)
 - (b) because the British army stayed in their houses (boarding, quartering)
 - (c) because they didn't have self-government
62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
- (a) Thomas Jefferson
63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
- (a) July 4, 1776
64. There were 13 original states. Name three.
- (a) New Hampshire
 - (b) Massachusetts
 - (c) Rhode Island
 - (d) Connecticut
 - (e) New York
 - (f) New Jersey
 - (g) Pennsylvania
 - (h) Delaware
 - (i) Maryland
 - (j) Virginia
 - (k) North Carolina
 - (l) South Carolina
 - (m) Georgia
65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
- (a) The Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution.
66. When was the Constitution written?
- (a) 1787
67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.
- (a) James Madison
 - (b) Alexander Hamilton
 - (c) John Jay
 - (d) Publius
68. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
- (a) U.S. diplomat

- (b) oldest member of the Constitutional Convention
 - (c) first Postmaster General of the United States
 - (d) writer of "Poor Richard's Almanac"
 - (e) started the first free libraries
69. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?
- (a) George Washington
70. Who was the first President?
- (a) George Washington
71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?
- (a) the Louisiana Territory
72. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.
- (a) War of 1812
 - (b) Mexican-American War
 - (c) Civil War
 - (d) Spanish-American War
73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.
- (a) the Civil War
74. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.
- (a) slavery
 - (b) economic reasons
 - (c) states' rights
75. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?
- (a) freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation)
 - (b) saved (or preserved) the Union
 - (c) led the United States during the Civil War
76. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
- (a) freed slaves in the Confederate states
77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
- (a) fought for women's rights
 - (b) fought for civil rights
78. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.
- (a) World War I
 - (b) World War II
 - (c) Korean War
 - (d) Vietnam War
 - (e) Gulf War
79. Who was President during World War I?
- (a) (Woodrow) Wilson
80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?
- (a) Franklin Roosevelt
81. Who did the United States fight in World War II?
- (a) Japan, Germany and Italy
82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?
- (a) World War II
83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
- (a) Communism
84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?
- (a) civil rights movement
85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?
- (a) fought for civil rights
 - (b) worked for equality for all Americans
86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001 in the United States?
- (a) Terrorists attacked the United States.

87. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.
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| (a) Cherokee | (l) Cheyenne |
| (b) Navajo | (m) Arawak |
| (c) Sioux | (n) Shawnee |
| (d) Chippewa | (o) Mohegan |
| (e) Choctaw | (p) Huron |
| (f) Pueblo | (q) Oneida |
| (g) Apache | (r) Lakota |
| (h) Iroquois | (s) Crow |
| (i) Creek | (t) Teton |
| (j) Blackfeet | (u) Hopi |
| (k) Seminole | (v) Inuit |
88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
- (a) Missouri River
(b) Mississippi River
89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?
- (a) Pacific Ocean
90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?
- (a) Atlantic Ocean
91. Name one U.S. territory.
- (a) Puerto Rico
(b) U.S. Virgin Islands
(c) American Samoa
(d) Northern Mariana Islands
(e) Guam
92. Name one state that borders Canada.
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| (a) Maine | (g) Michigan |
| (b) New Hampshire | (h) Minnesota |
| (c) Vermont | (i) North Dakota |
| (d) New York | (j) Montana |
| (e) Pennsylvania | (k) Idaho |
| (f) Ohio | (l) Washington |
| | (m) Alaska |
93. Name one state that borders Mexico.
- (a) California
(b) Arizona
(c) New Mexico
(d) Texas
94. What is the capital of the United States?
- (a) Washington, D.C.
95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?
- (a) New York (Harbor)
(b) Liberty Island
96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?
- (a) the stripes represent the 13 original colonies
97. Why does the flag have 50 stars?
- (a) because each star represents a state
(b) because there are 50 states
98. What is the name of the national anthem?
- (a) The Star-Spangled Banner
99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?
- (a) July 4
100. Name two national U.S. holidays.
- (a) New Year's Day
(b) Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
(c) Presidents' Day
(d) Memorial Day
(e) Independence Day
(f) Labor Day
(g) Columbus Day
(h) Veterans Day
(i) Thanksgiving
(j) Christmas