

Chapter 1 – The Political Landscape

1.1 - The questions in this section appear only in this printed Test Bank and in the Computerized Test Bank.

Multiple Choice Questions:

1) What document begins with “We the People...”

- A) the Declaration of Independence
- B) the Bill of Rights
- C) the Articles of Confederation
- D) the Mayflower Compact
- E) the Constitution

Answer: E

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Bloom’s skill: Knowledge

2) Thomas Jefferson called the United States the world's

- A) “innovation leader.”
- B) “best hope.”
- C) “worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried.”
- D) “festering sore of democracy.”
- E) “biggest experiment in self deprecation.”

Answer: B

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Bloom’s skill: Knowledge

3) Thomas Jefferson called the United States the world's “best hope.” Which of the following presidents is correctly paired with his assessment of the United States?

- A) Abraham Lincoln called it "the last, best hope on earth."
- B) Franklin D. Roosevelt said it was "first in war and first in peace."
- C) John F. Kennedy said "we can beat Castro at any time."
- D) George W. Bush claimed that the war in Iraq "would be easy to win."
- E) Bill Clinton called it "the last refuge of mankind."

Answer: A

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Bloom’s skill: Knowledge

4) The Greek word meaning “to pilot a ship” is the root of what English word?

- A) politics
- B) government
- C) democracy
- D) capitalism
- E) colonialism

Answer: B

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Bloom’s skill: Knowledge

- 5) Democratic citizens are obligated to
- A) vote for the Democratic Party.
 - B) participate in "town hall" meetings.
 - C) pass a citizenship test.
 - D) obey the laws and pay taxes.
 - E) do nothing; the freedoms of citizenship come with no strings attached.
- Answer: D
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Bloom's skill: Comprehension
- 6) In a democracy, citizens are expected to
- A) vote for the incumbent political party.
 - B) obey the laws.
 - C) feign ignorance.
 - D) run for office.
 - E) live off the land.
- Answer: B
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Bloom's skill: Comprehension
- 7) The Framers enumerated several key functions that a government should be able to perform, including
- A) Promote religion.
 - B) Promote relative economic equality.
 - C) Establish justice through a system of laws.
 - D) Ensure domestic hostility.
 - E) Provide for equal pay for equal work.
- Answer: C
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Bloom's skill: Synthesis
- 8) Policy decisions are made through a process known as
- A) command and control.
 - B) multiculturalism.
 - C) politics.
 - D) democracy.
 - E) implementation.
- Answer: C
Page reference: 5
Bloom's skill: Knowledge
- 9) The process of how policy decisions get made is known as
- A) voting.
 - B) deliberation.
 - C) politics.
 - D) government.
 - E) civic virtue.
- Answer: C
Page reference: 5
Bloom's skill: Comprehension

- 10) Which of the following is a function of government, as laid out in the Preamble to the Constitution?
- A) to hinder economic development.
 - B) to protect environmental quality
 - C) to secure the blessings of slavery
 - D) to provide for the common defense
 - E) to ensure international tranquility
- Answer: D
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Bloom's skill: Knowledge
- 11) How does the Constitution help "establish justice"?
- A) The supremacy clause protects citizens from excessive government interference in personal matters.
 - B) The Constitution guarantees judicial privacy.
 - C) The Constitution prohibits Congress from creating any court except for the Supreme Court.
 - D) The Framers explicitly excluded voting rights for women, slaves, and landowners.
 - E) The Bill of Rights entitles accused citizens to a trial by jury.
- Answer: E
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Bloom's skill: Application
- 12) The largest allocation in the federal budget goes to
- A) discretionary military spending.
 - B) discretionary nonmilitary spending.
 - C) mandatory spending.
 - D) earmarks.
 - E) foreign aid.
- Answer: C
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Bloom's skill: Application
- 13) _____ consumes the largest chunk of the federal budget.
- A) Mandatory spending
 - B) Interest on the debt
 - C) Discretionary nonmilitary spending
 - D) Discretionary military spending
 - E) Pork
- Answer: A
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Bloom's skill: Knowledge
- 14) The type of government with the rule of one in the interest of all is called a
- A) monarchy.
 - B) totalitarian state.
 - C) oligarchy.
 - D) democracy.
 - E) tyrannical despotism.
- Answer: A
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Bloom's skill: Knowledge

- 15) A monarchy is an example of
- A) rule by the few on behalf of the public.
 - B) rule by the many on behalf of the public.
 - C) rule by one on behalf of the public.
 - D) rule by the many on behalf of themselves.
 - E) rule by the few on behalf of themselves.

Answer: C

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Bloom's skill: Knowledge

- 16) In an oligarchy, rule is by
- A) the many.
 - B) the few in their own interest.
 - C) one person.
 - D) all people.
 - E) all property owners.

Answer: B

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Bloom's skill: Comprehension

- 17) The Mayflower Compact was
- A) a treaty the Pilgrims made with the Indians.
 - B) a social contract.
 - C) the first colony established by European immigrants.
 - D) an example of the divine right of kings.
 - E) the list of complaints against the Church of England that led to the expulsion of the Pilgrims.

Answer: B

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Bloom's skill: Knowledge

- 18) Who believed that government should have the consent of the people?
- A) the Pilgrims
 - B) Thomas Hobbes
 - C) John Locke
 - D) All of the above
 - E) None of the above

Answer: D

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Bloom's skill: Synthesis

- 19) Which of the following is an example of a social contract?
- A) a law passed by Congress.
 - B) an executive order.
 - C) a Supreme Court decision.
 - D) the Declaration of Independence.
 - E) the Mayflower Compact.

Answer: E

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Bloom's skill: Knowledge