CHAPTER 1

**The Study of American**

**Government**

**MULTIPLE** CHOICE

1. The financial position of the state and national governments under the Articles of Confederation could be best described as

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| a. | sound, strong, and based on a large surplus of revenue. |
| b. | sound, strong, but uncertain around the edges. |
| c. | uniformly stable at the state level, but the national government struggled with debt. |
| d. | stable at the national level with little cause for concern in any of the states. |
| e. | growing debt at the national level and several states with financial crises. |

ANS: E REF: 3 NOT: C OBJ: LO1

2. Which of the following expressed sincere concern that ratification of the Constitution would result in “an immense increase in taxes”?

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| a. | James Madison |
| b. | Alexander Hamilton |
| c. | George Washington |
| d. | Patrick Henry |
| e. | John Jay |

ANS: D REF: 3 NOT: F OBJ: LO1

3. The federal budget initially opposed for 2014 called for almost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trillion dollars in spending.

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| b. | 2 |
| c. | 4 |
| d. | 5 |
| e. | 7 |

ANS: C REF: 3 NOT: F OBJ: LO1

4. The textbook refers to the activity by which an issue is agitated or settled as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| a. | government |
| b. | policy |
| c. | politics |
| d. | participation |
| e. | None of the above is true. |

ANS: C REF: 4 NOT: F OBJ: LO1

5. Individuals have power when they are able to

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| a. | get elected to office. |
| b. | be present at behind-the-scenes political meetings. |
| c. | serve their fellow human beings. |
| d. | get others to do what they want them to do. |
| e. | vote without being influenced by outside forces. |

ANS: D REF: 4 NOT: F OBJ: LO1

6. The text notes a tendency for issues that once were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| a. | simple; complicated |
| b. | public; secret |
| c. | social; political |
| d. | private; public |
| e. | economic; social |

ANS: D REF: 4 NOT: F OBJ: LO1

7. By *authority*, the authors mean

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| a. | the right to use power. |
| b. | the manner in which power is spread. |
| c. | the use of power for good causes. |
| d. | the desire to have power. |
| e. | the desire to give power to others. |

ANS: A REF: 4 NOT: C OBJ: LO1

8. *Formal authority* refers to a right to exercise power that is derived from a(n)

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| a. | official ceremony. |
| b. | majority vote. |
| c. | consensus. |
| d. | popular consensus. |
| e. | governmental office. |

ANS: E REF: 5 NOT: F OBJ: LO1

9. Today, a primary source of legitimate political authority in the United States is the

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| a. | Bill of Rights. |
| b. | will of the people. |
| c. | U.S. Constitution. |
| d. | concept of civil liberty. |
| e. | notion of civil rights. |

ANS: C REF: 5 NOT: F OBJ: LO1

10. In the United States, a person is said to have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if he or she act in a certain way that is conferred by a law or by a state or national constitution.

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| a. | political authority |
| b. | political control |
| c. | political power |
| d. | political influence |
| e. | political clout |

ANS: A REF: 5 NOT: F OBJ: LO1

11. The text suggests that in the United States, no government at any level would be considered legitimate if it were not in some sense \_\_\_\_\_.

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| a. | democratic |
| b. | altruistic |
| c. | humanitarian |
| d. | elitist |
| e. | aristocratic |

ANS: A REF: 5 NOT: F OBJ: LO2

12. At the time of the Constitutional Convention, the view that a democratic government was desirable was

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| a. | already waning. |
| b. | close to unanimous. |
| c. | beyond debate. |
| d. | held by the elite only. |
| e. | far from unanimous. |

ANS: E REF: 5 NOT: F OBJ: LO2

13. This large federal program is projected to be more than $1 trillion by 2022.

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| a. | Medicare |
| b. | Medicaid |
| c. | Social Security |
| d. | Defense |
| e. | Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI) |

ANS: A REF: 5 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

14. In 1787, as the Constitution was being debated, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worried that the new government he helped create might be too democratic, while \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who refused to sign the Constitution, worried that it was not democratic enough.

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| a. | John Adams; James Madison |
| b. | George Washington; George Mason |
| c. | Alexander Hamilton; George Mason |
| d. | Thomas Jefferson; Alexander Hamilton |
| e. | Patrick Henry; Samuel Adams |

ANS: C REF: 5, 6 NOT: F OBJ: LO2

15. For representative democracy to work

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| a. | there must be an opportunity for genuine competition of leadership. |
| b. | individuals and parties must be free to run for office. |
| c. | there needs to be freedom of speech and press. |
| d. | voters must perceive that a meaningful choice exists. |
| e. | All of the above are true. |

ANS: E REF: 5–7 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

16. How did Aristotle define democracy?

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| a. | Rule of the few |
| b. | Rule of the one |
| c. | Rule of the powerful |
| d. | Rule of the many |
| e. | Rule of the intelligent |

ANS: D REF: 6 NOT: F OBJ: LO2

17. The term *participatory democracy* applies most accurately to which of the following societies?

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| a. | Greece in the fourth century B.C. |
| b. | Modern China |
| c. | The United States since 1787 |
| d. | The Soviet Union between 1917 and 1990 |
| e. | The southeastern United States before the Civil War |

ANS: A REF: 6 NOT: A OBJ: LO2

18. The Greek city-state, or *polis,* extended the right to vote to everyone except

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| a. | slaves. |
| b. | women. |
| c. | minors. |
| d. | those without property. |
| e. | All of the above are true. |

ANS: E REF: 6 NOT: F OBJ: LO2

19. In our political system, Aristotle’s ideal of direct democracy has been *most* closely approximated by the

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| a. | AFL-CIO. |
| b. | U.S. House of Representatives. |
| c. | New England town meeting. |
| d. | Constitutional Convention. |
| e. | southeastern United States before the Civil War. |

ANS: C REF: 6 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

20. In this type of political meeting, the adult citizens of a community gather in a common area to vote directly on all major issues and expenditures of the town.

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| a. | A meeting of the Board of Alderman |
| b. | A meeting of City Council |
| c. | A New England town meeting |
| d. | A meeting of the general assembly |
| e. | A meeting of the forum |

ANS: C REF: 6 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

21. Democracy was defined as the competitive struggle for people’s votes by

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| a. | Joseph Stalin. |
| b. | Joseph Schumpeter. |
| c. | Max Weber. |
| d. | Karl Marx. |
| e. | Søren Kierkegaard. |

ANS: B REF: 6 NOT: F OBJ: LO2

22. Representative democracy allows individuals to gain political power through

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| a. | media campaigns. |
| b. | quadrennial elections. |
| c. | nonpartisan elections. |
| d. | reciprocal elections. |
| e. | competitive elections. |

ANS: E REF: 6 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

23. Representative democracy is sometimes disapprovingly referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theory of democracy.

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| a. | limited |
| b. | aristocratic |
| c. | economic |
| d. | authoritarian |
| e. | elite |

ANS: E REF: 6 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

24. Direct democracy is impractical because

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| a. | citizens do not have enough time. |
| b. | citizens do not have enough information or policy expertise. |
| c. | citizens lack the energy to participate the required amount. |
| d. | citizens lack the interest to be so involved in politics. |
| e. | All of the above are true. |

ANS: E REF: 6 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

25. The Framers’ concerns about direct democracy are well illustrated by the fact that the Constitution

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| a. | uses the word *democracy only* once, in the Preamble. |
| b. | uses the word *democracy* only in reference to Congress. |
| c. | does not feature the word *democracy* at all. |
| d. | uses only the word *democratic.* |
| e. | frequently uses the word *democracy,* but never in reference to the enumeration of a formal power. |

ANS: C REF: 7 NOT: A OBJ: LO2

26. When the Framers of the Constitution wrote “republican form of government,” they were referring to

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| a. | direct democracy. |
| b. | democratic centralism. |
| c. | mob rule. |
| d. | town meetings. |
| e. | representative democracy. |

ANS: E REF: 7 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

27. All of the following are requirements for representative democracy except

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| a. | there must be opportunity for genuine leadership competition. |
| b. | individuals and parties must be able to run for office. |
| c. | voters must perceive that a meaningful choice exists. |
| d. | political resources must be distributed in a roughly equal manner. |
| e. | communication through the press, meetings, and the internet or speech must be free. |

ANS: D REF: 7 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

28. One distinctive feature of many European democracies is that very few offices are

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| a. | independent. |
| b. | effective. |
| c. | elective. |
| d. | active. |
| e. | efficient. |

ANS: C REF: 7 NOT: F OBJ: LO2

29. A modern example of direct democracy would be

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| a. | citizens electing local boards to make decisions. |
| b. | citizens running for political office. |
| c. | citizens affected by some program participating in its formulation. |
| d. | citizens writing elected officials to express opinions on policy. |
| e. | citizens working for politicians. |

ANS: C REF: 7 NOT: A OBJ: LO2

30. Democracy in the United States is distinguished from many European democracies by the fact that in the United States,

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| a. | many more offices are elective. |
| b. | more campaign money comes from public sources. |
| c. | more people participate in the electoral process. |
| d. | the government plays a more active role in elections. |
| e. | the government frequently changes hands. |

ANS: A REF: 7 NOT: F OBJ: LO2

31. Variants of direct democracy include programs of citizen participation and

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| a. | interest group cooperation. |
| b. | guerrilla warfare. |
| c. | competitive elections. |
| d. | political party centralism. |
| e. | community control. |

ANS: E REF: 7 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

32. In a referendum, citizens express their opinions about issues by means of

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| a. | letters. |
| b. | the ballot. |
| c. | town meetings. |
| d. | petitions. |
| e. | Both A and D are true. |

ANS: B REF: 7 NOT: F OBJ: LO2

33. Which statement best reflects the views of the Framers of the Constitution?

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| a. | Elected officials should register majority sentiments. |
| b. | The will of the people was not synonymous with the public good. |
| c. | The views of the people are trustworthy because most are informed and can make reasonable choices. |
| d. | A government should be able to do a great deal of good as quickly and as efficiently as possible. |
| e. | Majority opinion should be irrelevant to the policymaking process. |

ANS: B REF: 7 NOT: C OBJ: LO2

34. The author cites the early presidential administrations, the Civil War, and the New Deal as examples of struggles over

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| a. | what constitutes legitimate authority. |
| b. | who shall govern. |
| c. | who gets what, when, and how. |
| d. | when progress is possible. |
| e. | how power is accumulated. |

ANS: A REF: 8 NOT: A OBJ: LO1

35. Elite theory is NOT based on the following premise.

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| a. | Majoritarian politics is not always controlling. |
| b. | When majoritarian politics is not controlling, policy is likely to be shaped by those who go to the trouble to be active participants in politics. |
| c. | In general, the number of active participants in politics will be small (relative to the total number of potential participants). |
| d. | Despite their small numbers, those who are active participants in politics generally reflect the types of people in the general population and the viewpoints of most citizens. |
| e. | The actual distribution of power, even in a democracy, will depend importantly on the composition of the political elites. |

ANS: D REF: 8 NOT: C OBJ: LO3

36. Karl Marx is associated with the view that elites reflect a(n)

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| a. | dominant social class. |
| b. | group of business, military, labor-union, and elected officials. |
| c. | array of appointed bureaucrats. |
| d. | large number of organized interests. |
| e. | flexible alliance of religious and cultural leaders. |

ANS: A REF: 8 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

37. Karl Marx argued that governments were dominated by business owners, who he called “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”, until a revolution replaced them with rule by laborers, who he called “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

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| a. | proletariat; bourgeoisie |
| b. | bourgeoisie; proletariat |
| c. | power elite; middle class |
| d. | working class; lower class |
| e. | laborites; working class |

ANS: B REF: 8 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

38. The sociologist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ argued that American democracy is dominated by a small “power elite.”

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| a. | C. Wright Mills |
| b. | Karl Marx |
| c. | David B. Truman |
| d. | Max Weber |
| e. | Samuel P. Huntington |

ANS: A REF: 8 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

39. The bureaucratic view of political elites, which argues that appointed officials dominate government, is associated with

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| a. | Karl Marx. |
| b. | C. Wright Mills. |
| c. | Max Weber. |
| d. | David B. Truman. |
| e. | Robert Dahl. |

ANS: C REF: 8, 9 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

40. Today, the U.S. federal income tax takes an average of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of taxpayers’ income.

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| a. | 10 percent |
| b. | 15 percent |
| c. | 21 percent |
| d. | 43 percent |
| e. | 45 percent |

ANS: C REF: 9 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

41. Most people holding national political office are

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| --- | --- |
| a. | middle class. |
| b. | middle age. |
| c. | males. |
| d. | Protestant. |
| e. | All of the above are true. |

ANS: E REF: 9 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

42. The pluralist view of power focuses on

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| a. | a dominant social class. |
| b. | a group of business, military, labor-union, and elected officials. |
| c. | an array of appointed bureaucrats. |
| d. | a large number of governmental interests and organized interests. |
| e. | a flexible alliance of religious and cultural leaders. |

ANS: D REF: 9 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

43. The view that morally impassioned elites drive important political changes is associated with

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| a. | Karl Marx. |
| b. | Max Weber. |
| c. | Samuel P. Huntington. |
| d. | Robert Dahl. |
| e. | David B. Truman. |

ANS: C REF: 9 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

44. Regarding the role of self-interest in the positions that people take on important issues, it is safest to say that

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| a. | the self-interest of individuals is usually a complete guide to their actions. |
| b. | economic self-interest may be important but is usually not the only guide to people’s actions. |
| c. | organizational self-interest rather than economic self-interest is usually the best guide to people’s actions. |
| d. | political preferences can be predicted invariably by knowing an individual’s economic or organizational position. |
| e. | self-interest is rarely an important factor in understanding political attitudes and behavior. |

ANS: B REF: 9 NOT: C OBJ: LO3

45. In 1935, \_\_\_\_ of American families paid no federal income tax.

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| a. | 4 percent |
| b. | 90 percent |
| c. | 96 percent |
| d. | 80 percent |
| e. | 1 percent |

ANS: C REF: 9 NOT: F OBJ: LO3

46. Today, most people holding national political office are all of the following EXCEPT

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| a. | upper-class. |
| b. | males. |
| c. | white. |
| d. | middle-class. |
| e. | Protestants |

ANS: A REF: 9 NOT: C OBJ: LO3

47. Of the following, which one affects the political agenda?

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| a. | Shared political values |
| b. | The weight of custom and tradition |
| c. | The impact of events |
| d. | Changes in the way political elites think |
| e. | All of the above are true. |

ANS: E REF: 10, 11 NOT: C OBJ: LO4

48. Which of the following statements is *incorrect*?

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| a. | During the 1920s, it was widely assumed that the federal government would play a small role in our lives. |
| b. | From the 1930s to the 1970s, it was generally believed that the federal government should try to solve social and economic problems. |
| c. | Interest group politics often produces decisions about which the public is uniformed. |
| d. | No simple theory of politics is likely to explain both the growth and cutback of federal power. |
| e. | None of the above is true. |

ANS: E REF: 10–15 NOT: F OBJ: LO4

49. What effect does the national media most likely have on the political agenda?

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| a. | Publicize issues by giving them most attention |
| b. | Influence politicians into voting a particular way |
| c. | Produce stories that force politicians to act |
| d. | The size and power demands act |
| e. | None of the above is true. |

ANS: A REF: 12 NOT: C OBJ: LO4

50. When the cost and benefits of a policy are *widely distributed*, they are

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| a. | limited to a relatively small number of citizens. |
| b. | spread over many, most, or even all citizens. |
| c. | enjoyed by only one demographic. |
| d. | limited to one geographic region. |
| e. | spread over a number of states. |

ANS: B REF: 14 NOT: F OBJ: LO5

51. When the cost and benefits of a policy are *narrowly concentrated,* they are

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| a. | limited to a relatively small number of citizens. |
| b. | spread over many, most, or even all citizens. |
| c. | enjoyed by many demographics. |
| d. | limited a geographic region. |
| e. | spread over a number of states. |

ANS: A REF: 14 NOT: F OBJ: LO5

52. A policy in which almost everybody benefits and almost everybody pays

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| a. | interest group politics. |
| b. | majoritarian politics. |
| c. | client politics. |
| d. | entrepreneurial politics. |
| e. | logrolling politics. |

ANS: B REF: 14 NOT: F OBJ: LO5

53. Under what circumstances would majoritarian politics normally *not* be effective?

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| a. | When a political leader feels sharply constrained by what most people want |
| b. | When an issue is sufficiently important to command the attention of most citizens |
| c. | When an issue is too complicated or technical for most citizens to understand |
| d. | When an issue is sufficiently feasible so that what citizens *want* done can in fact *be*done |
| e. | All of the above are true. |

ANS: C REF: 14, 15 NOT: C OBJ: LO3

54. A city council representative faces an important vote on how much, if any, money to spend on a new school. The representative relies on a poll of her constituents to make a decision. This is in keeping with the form of politics known as

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| a. | participatory politics. |
| b. | majoritarian politics. |
| c. | pluralist politics. |
| d. | elitist politics. |
| e. | reciprocal politics. |

ANS: B REF: 14, 15 NOT: C OBJ: LO3

55. A policy in which one small group benefits and another small group pays.

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| a. | Interest group politics |
| b. | Majoritarian politics |
| c. | Client politics |
| d. | Entrepreneurial politics |
| e. | Logrolling politics |

ANS: A REF: 15 NOT: F OBJ: LO5

56. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a policy in which one small group benefits and almost everybody pays.

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| a. | Interest group politics |
| b. | Majoritarian politics |
| c. | Client politics |
| d. | Entrepreneurial politics |
| e. | Logrolling politics |

ANS: C REF: 15 NOT: F OBJ: LO5

57. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a policy in which almost everybody benefits and a small group pays.

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| a. | Interest group politics |
| b. | Majoritarian politics |
| c. | Client politics |
| d. | Entrepreneurial politics |
| e. | Logrolling politics |

ANS: D REF: 16 NOT: F OBJ: LO5

58. Pork-barrel legislation is an example of this type of politics.

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| --- | --- |
| a. | Interest group politics |
| b. | Majoritarian politics |
| c. | Client politics |
| d. | Entrepreneurial politics |
| e. | None of the above is true. |

ANS: C REF: 16 NOT: A OBJ: LO5

59. Which of the following statements about political power, or “who governs?” is *most* accurate?

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| a. | The key to understanding power is to understand the monetary costs of different political decisions. |
| b. | Political power can usually be inferred by knowing what laws are on the books. |
| c. | Political power can usually be inferred by knowing what administrative actions have been taken. |
| d. | Power cannot be realized without institutional arrangements. |
| e. | Most power derives from psychological and social factors such as friendship, loyalty, and prestige. |

ANS: E REF: 18, 19 NOT: C OBJ: LO5

60. The trouble with trying to infer the distribution of political power from examining the laws on the books is that

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| a. | laws may be enacted in a great variety of circumstances. |
| b. | laws are made to be broken. |
| c. | legislative codes may be so obscure as to defy anyone’s comprehension. |
| d. | many congressional enactments never get recorded at all. |
| e. | the judicial branch is rarely independent from the legislative branch. |

ANS: A REF: 18, 19 NOT: C OBJ: LO5

**TRUE/FALSE**

1. Under the Articles of Confederation, the state governments paid very little of the monies requisitioned by the federal government.

ANS: T REF: 3 OBJ: LO1

2. The interest on the national debt is well over $300 billion a year.

ANS: T REF: 3 OBJ: LO1

3. Political power is the ability to influence who rules and how rulers behave.

ANS: T REF: 4 OBJ: LO1

4. Increasingly, matters once thought to be private are becoming objects of governmental action.

ANS: T REF: 4 OBJ: LO1

5. Young Americans are closer to being “political dropouts” than they are to being “engaged citizens.”

ANS: T REF: 4 OBJ: LO3

6. Most young Americans regularly read newspapers.

ANS: F REF: 4 OBJ: LO3

7. One can have political power even if one does not possess formal authority.

ANS: T REF: 4, 5 OBJ: LO1

8. None of the Founders was particularly concerned about the government being too democratic.

ANS: F REF: 5, 6 OBJ: LO2

9. In the Greek city-state, only property holders were allowed to be citizens.

ANS: T REF: 6 OBJ: LO2

10. A modern example of the Aristotelian ideal of the rule of the many is a New England town meeting.

ANS: T REF: 6 OBJ: LO2

11. Representative democracy is sometimes referred to as the “elitist theory of democracy.”

ANS: T REF: 6 OBJ: LO2

12. Representative democracy requires that most public officials be elected.

ANS: F REF: 8 OBJ: LO2

13. Marx argued that governments were basically dominated by business owners.

ANS: T REF: 8 OBJ: LO3

14. The power elite view argues that American democracy is controlled by elected officeholders.

ANS: F REF: 8 OBJ: LO3

15. Max Weber argued that the modern state is controlled by appointed bureaucrats.

ANS: T REF: 8, 9 OBJ: LO3

16. Pluralists see power as being widely distributed throughout society.

ANS: T REF: 9 OBJ: LO3

17. During the early 1930s, very few American families paid income tax.

ANS: T REF: 9 OBJ: LO3

18. At one time, it was unconstitutional for the federal government to levy income tax.

ANS: T REF: 10 OBJ: LO4

19. Log-rolling is when a legislator supports a proposal favored by another in return for support of his or hers.

ANS: T REF: 16 OBJ: LO5

20. Safety requirements for automobiles are an example of client politics.

ANS: F REF: 16 OBJ: LO5

**ESSAY**

1. Explain what power involves and differentiate it from authority.

ANS:

* Power is the ability of one person to get another to act in accordance with the first person’s intentions. Power may be obvious, or subtle, and varies from time to time and from country to country. It may be found in all human relationships. Power is a key feature of the struggles throughout much of American history.
* Authority refers to the right to use power.

REF: 4, 5 OBJ: LO1

2. Explain what a Democracy is and note some prominent examples of this form of government throughout history.

ANS:

According to Aristotle’s rule of the many: Democracy is where all or most citizens participate directly in either holding office or making policy. Examples: Ancient Greece (4th century B.C.); New England town meetings.

REF: 5–7 OBJ: LO1

3. Discuss the differences between participatory democracy and representative democracy.

ANS:

* Participatory or direct democracy is a government in which all or most citizens participate directly.
* Representative democracy is a government in which leaders obtain authority to make decisions by winning a competitive struggle.

REF: 5–7 OBJ: LO2

4. Explain the primary justifications for representative democracy.

ANS:

Limits of time, information, energy, interest, and expertise make it impractical for the people to decide on policies. It is not impractical for them to choose between competing leadership groups.

Democracy can lead to bad decisions, because people often decide large issues on the basis of fleeting passions and in response to popular demagogues.

REF: 5–7 OBJ: LO2

5. Identify the requirements for representative democracy to work.

ANS:

* There must be an opportunity for genuine competition of leadership.
* Individuals and parties must be free to run for office.
* There needs to be freedom of speech and press.
* Voters must perceive that a meaningful choice exists.

REF: 5–7 OBJ: LO2

6. Identify, and briefly describe, the basic premises of the five viewpoints of political power discussed by the text.

ANS:

* ***Class View:*** Derived from the inspiration of Marx, governments are dominated by business interests, the “bourgeois.”
* ***Power Elite View:*** American democracy is dominated by a few top leaders who do not hold elective office (military officers, labor union leaders, media executives, and so on).
* ***Bureaucratic View:*** Power is concentrated in the hands of appointed bureaucratic officials who manage the government.
* ***Pluralist View:*** Power is shared among many institutions and shared so widely, no single group can dominate politics.
* ***Creedal Passion View:***Morally impassioned elites drive important political changes.

REF: 7–9 OBJ LO3

7. Identify the four things that affect what is on the political agenda, according to the text.

ANS:

* Shared political values
* The weight of custom and tradition
* The impact of events such as wars, terrorist attacks, and severe or sustained economic downturns that alters our sense of the proper role of government
* Changes in the way political elites think and talk about politics

REF: 10 OBJ: LO4

8. Identify the government institutions whose influence on agenda setting has become especially important. Explain.

ANS:

* The **courts** can make decisions that force the hand of the other branches of government.
* The **bureaucracy** has acquired significance because it is now a source of political innovation. It has become a source of policy proposals as well as implementers of those that become law.
* In the 1960s the **Senate** became an incubator for developing new policies and building national constituencies.

REF: 12 OBJ: LO4

9. Politics produces both cost and benefits. Your text discusses four types of politics based on how cost and benefits are distributed. Explain the four types of politics covered in the text.

ANS:

* ***Majoritarian politics:*** A policy in which almost everybody benefits and almost everybody pays.
* ***Interest group politics:*** A policy in which one small group benefits and another small group pays.
* ***Client politics.*** A policy in which one small group benefits and almost everybody pays.
* ***Entrepreneurial politics:*** A policy in which almost everybody benefits and a small group pays the cost.

REF: 14–17 OBJ: LO5

10. Explain the significance of log-rolling to the legislative process.

ANS:

A legislator supports a proposal favored by another in return for support of his or hers. Trading votes in this way attracts the support of members of Congress to form majority coalitions.

REF: 16 OBJ: LO5