

# Nebraska Secretary of State's High School Citizenship Test

1. What are the three branches of our national government?

- a. ( ) Liberals, Conservatives & Non-Partisans  
c. ( ) Executive, Judicial, & Legislative  
b. ( ) Congressional, Presidential & the Presidential Cabinet  
d. ( ) Congress, Defense Dept., & Health & Human Services

2. Which branch of the government makes the laws of the United States?

- a. ( ) Conservatives  
c. ( ) Legislative  
b. ( ) Presidential Cabinet  
d. ( ) Health & Human Services

3. How many U. S. Senators does each state have?

- a. ( ) two  
b. ( ) three  
c. ( ) four  
d. ( ) five

4. How many House of Representatives does Nebraska have?

- a. ( ) two  
b. ( ) three  
c. ( ) four  
d. ( ) five

5. To whom does the U. S. Constitution grant the power to declare war?

- a. ( ) Dept. of Defense  
c. ( ) Five-star Generals of the Armed Forces  
b. ( ) U.S. Congress  
d. ( ) Homeland Security Chief

6. How many members are in the House of Representatives?

- a. ( ) 100  
b. ( ) 437  
c. ( ) 205  
d. ( ) 435

7. What is the number of members in the House of Representatives based on?

- a. ( ) federal census  
c. ( ) electors in the state  
b. ( ) registered voters  
d. ( ) current population

8. What area did the U.S. buy from France in 1803?

- a. ( ) Quebec  
b. ( ) Louisiana Territory  
c. ( ) Hawaii  
d. ( ) Alaska

9. If the President and Vice President can no longer serve, who then becomes President?

- a. ( ) The Secretary of State  
c. ( ) The Secretary of the Treasury  
b. ( ) The Speaker of the House  
d. ( ) The President Pro Tempore

10. How often are U.S. Senators and House of Representatives elected?

- a. ( ) 4 years and 2 years  
c. ( ) 6 years and 2 years  
b. ( ) every 4 years  
d. ( ) every 2 years

11. Who nominates a Supreme Court Justice?

- a. ( ) The President  
c. ( ) White House Counsel  
b. ( ) The Senate Judiciary Committee  
d. ( ) Members of the Court

12. How many justices sit on the Supreme Court?

- a. ( ) twelve  
b. ( ) ten  
c. ( ) nine  
d. ( ) seven

13. What 3 unalienable rights are listed in the Declaration of Independence that all citizens are entitled to?

- a. ( ) Right to Vote, Work, and Bear Arms  
b. ( ) Freedom of Speech, Religion, & Education

c. ( ) Eat, Drink and Be Merry

d. ( ) Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness

14. What amendment allowed 18-year-olds the right to vote?

a. ( ) 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment

b. ( ) 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment

c. ( ) 20<sup>th</sup> Amendment

d. ( ) 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment

15. What is the title of the famous speech that began, "Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty ...."?

a. ( ) Gettysburg Address

b. ( ) I Have a Dream

c. ( ) Liberty or Death

d. ( ) The Cause Endures

16. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?

a. ( ) Gave women the right to vote

b. ( ) Freed the slaves

c. ( ) Declared the states free of Great Britain

d. ( ) Reversed the Prohibition of Alcohol

17. What makes Nebraska's state government unique among the 50 states?

a. ( ) one-house legislature

b. ( ) tallest state capitol

c. ( )

most state highways

d. ( ) shortest legislative session

18. How many state senators does Nebraska have?

a. ( ) Ninety-three

b. ( ) Fifty-three

c. ( ) Forty-nine

d. ( ) Thirty-six

19. Who can veto a bill?

a. ( ) The Vice President

b. ( ) The President

c. ( ) The Speaker of the House

d. ( ) The Supreme Court Justice

20. Who was the longest serving state senator in Nebraska's history?

a. ( ) Terry Carpenter

b. ( ) George Norris

c. ( ) Jerome Warner

d. ( ) Ernie Chambers

21. Why will that record stand indefinitely?

a. ( ) term-limits

b. ( ) age-limits

c. ( ) prohibited by U.S. constitution d. ( ) party limitations

22. What is the appointed group of close advisors around the president called?

a. ( ) Executive Committee

b. ( ) Chiefs of Staff

c. ( ) The Cabinet

d. ( ) Secret Service

23. How can a person register to vote in Nebraska?

a. ( ) Check the box when applying for or renewing your driver's license

b. ( ) Registering in person at the local election office

c. ( ) Mailing the Voter Registration form before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday prior to an election

d. ( ) All of the above