

Nebraska Secretary of State's High School Citizenship Test

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

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

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

- a. () Conservatives
b. () Presidential Cabinet
c. () Legislative
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
b. () U.S. Congress
c. () Five-star Generals of the Armed Forces
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
b. () registered voters
c. () electors in the state
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
b. () The Speaker of the House
c. () The Secretary of the Treasury
d. () The President Pro Tempore

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

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

11. Who nominates a Supreme Court Justice?

- a. () The President
b. () The Senate Judiciary Committee
c. () White House Counsel
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. () 18th Amendment

b. () 26th Amendment

c. () 20th Amendment

d. () 21st 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

most state highways

d. () shortest legislative session

c. ()

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 3rd Friday prior to an election

d. () All of the above