

Political Government

End of Course Exam

1. What influence did Charles-Louis Montesquieu and William Blackstone have on the development of American Government? (12.1)
2. Describe in detail what is meant by the system of checks and balances. (12.1)
3. Describe in detail each of the Bill of Rights from the U.S. Constitution, as well as Amendments 13, 19, and 22. (12.2) (12.8)
4. Describe in detail the differences between criminal and civil law. (12.2)
5. How does one become a citizen of the United States? (12. 2)
6. What is the role of government in authoritarian regimes and totalitarian regimes? (12.3)
7. Explain how a bill becomes a law. (12.4)
8. Name and describe in detail the 3 branches of the United States Government. (12.4)
9. How is the U.S. Constitution amended? (12.4)
10. Name the two houses of the U.S. Congress. Describe what members of these houses do. Describe how the number of Congressmen and Senators from each state is determined. How many years do they serve? (12.4)
11. Describe how Supreme Court judges are selected and confirmed. What is the function of the Supreme Court? (12.4)
12. Define judicial activism and judicial restraint. (12.5)
13. Explain the significance of 3 of the following Supreme Court cases: Marbury vs. Madison, McCulloch vs. Maryland, Plessy vs. Ferguson, Regents of the University of California vs. Bakke. (12.5)
14. Describe in detail the process for the election of the President of the United States. (12.6)

15. Name the two major political parties in the United States and describe what liberal and conservative positions are on at least 3 issues. (12.6)
16. What are reserved and concurrent powers (shared) of state and federal government? (12.7)
17. Explain the 9th and 10th Amendments in terms of the federal government.