

1. Compared to the average citizen, political activists are usually more:
  - A. conservative
  - B. liberal
  - C. ideological
  - D. nonpartisan
  
2. In American presidential elections, voter turnout is typically:
  - A. below 30 percent
  - B. below 60 percent
  - C. over 80 percent
  - D. nearly 100 percent.
  
3. Which of the following statements is true of voter registration in recent years?
  - A. It has increased dramatically.
  - B. It has decreased dramatically.
  - C. It has become more difficult for eligible voters.
  - D. It has become easier for eligible voters.
  
4. In most American states, candidates for office are chosen by:
  - A. the people
  - B. party leaders
  - C. primary elections
  - D. conventions
  
5. Within both major parties, it is the level that has most obviously declined:
  - A. national
  - B. state
  - C. district
  - D. grassroots
  
6. The most dramatic example of the winner-take-all principle in the U.S. electoral system is the
  - A. ideal of pluralism
  - B. municipal elections in Cambridge, Massachusetts
  - C. electoral college
  - D. two-party system
  
7. How can the differences between the two major parties in America **best** be characterized?
  - A. There are very large differences in policy views.
  - B. There are large policy differences among activists and much smaller ones among the rank and file.
  - C. There are only trivial differences
  - D. There are differences on social issues but not on economic issues.
  
8. The elections that produce the largest voter turnout are the:
  - A. local elections
  - B. presidential elections
  - C. senatorial elections
  - D. House elections
  
9. The proportion of the non-farm work force that is unionized today is approximately:
  - A. 10 percent
  - B. 20 percent
  - C. 35 percent
  - D. 50 percent
  
10. To get television coverage, public officials typically have to:
  - A. be well connected.

- B. take a conservative line.
- C. take a liberal line
- D. do something colorful

**Fill in the Blanks**

1. The number of convention ballots needed to nominate each presidential candidate since 1952 has been? \_\_\_\_\_
2. There are no limits on contributions to \_\_\_\_\_ for party activities such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ drives.
3. Business Corp, unions, other Interest Groups can make legal \_\_\_\_\_ expenditures if they are not coordinated with those of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ has no limit or contributions to parties for party voter ed or registration drives.

**Matching I. Give the one most appropriate answer.**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Social Security           | A. Texas, Pa, Fla.          |
| 2. Education                 | B. property taxes           |
| 3. Municipal governments     | C. federal program          |
| 4. Gore's 3 necessary states | D. primarily state function |
| 5. Electoral votes to win    | E. 270                      |
|                              | F. Pa, Fla, Mich.           |
|                              | G. 33                       |

**Matching II.**

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| 1. Closed primary      | A. presidential election general                                    |
| 2. open primary        | B. can vote in either party primary without ID party affiliation    |
| 3. Blanket primary     | C. top two vote getters compete in second vote to get majority vote |
| 4. Run-off primary     | D. voters can vote for candidates of more than one party            |
| 5. office group ballot | E. only party members can participate                               |
| 6. party-column ballot | F. encourage straight ticket voting                                 |

**Essays**

1. What are the main function of political parties in our country?
2. According to the text and lectures why does the US have the two party system?
3. What are the three major components of our two parties?
4. Explain how voting is influenced by age, education, minority, income, and two party competition.
5. Generally the factors that influence voting decision can be divided into two groups: Identify and explain these?

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**Answer Sheet**

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