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*Indicate whether the statement is true or false.*

- \_\_\_ 1. The major political parties nominate candidates at the national, state, and local levels.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- \_\_\_ 2. In a primary system that uses plurality, a candidate only wins the primary if he or she wins at least 51% of the vote.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- \_\_\_ 3. The two current major parties in the United States were originally one party.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- \_\_\_ 4. Only presidential candidates from the major parties are listed on the ballot in each state.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- \_\_\_ 5. A multi-party system tends to require the building of coalitions to govern.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- \_\_\_ 6. Delegates from every state attend a political party's national convention to nominate the party's presidential and vice presidential candidates.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- \_\_\_ 7. Third-party candidates running for president must gather voter signatures to be placed on the ballot in each state.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- \_\_\_ 8. A nation with an authoritarian government often has a two-party system.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- \_\_\_ 9. A third party that focuses solely on the legalization of certain banned substances would be considered an ideological party.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- \_\_\_ 10. Anyone who is eligible to be a delegate at the local level in a party could potentially become a delegate at the party's national convention.
  - a. True
  - b. False

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*Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

- \_\_\_ 11. A young white man who wants government to act on issues such as climate change and homelessness is most likely to identify himself as which of these?
- Democrat
  - Libertarian
  - Reform
  - Republican
- \_\_\_ 12. In a political party, how does the state committee influence the national committee?
- It provides representatives who promote cooperation between all committees.
  - It raises money and promotes the ideas of state and local candidates.
  - It recommends officials for judicial appointments.
  - It suggests candidates for national office.
- \_\_\_ 13. Which of these statements is true about political parties?
- A political party exists solely to gain power in government.
  - All candidates within a party share the same values and ideas.
  - Each political party relies on many citizen volunteers during elections.
  - Those who give large sums of money to a party will always be rewarded with jobs.
- \_\_\_ 14. Polarization can cause political gridlock and prevent meaningful legislation from being passed. Which makeup of the House is likely to lead to the most polarization and gridlock?
- 15% ideological Democrats, 85% ideological Republicans
  - 25% ideological Democrats, 50% centrists, 25% ideological Republicans
  - 50% ideological Democrats, 25% centrists, 25% ideological Republicans
  - 50% ideological Democrats, 50% ideological Republicans
- \_\_\_ 15. A Green Party presidential candidate is likely to accomplish which of these during the campaign?
- draw attention to issues related to energy use
  - draw attention to issues related to the financial system
  - draw votes from the Republican candidate
  - get the Green Party officially recognized as a major party
- \_\_\_ 16. Which of the systems described below is most likely to produce a government that is shaped by the widest variety of viewpoints and ideologies?
- a system in which many parties with the same religious ideology are allowed to run
  - a system in which one party always wins elections with nearly 100% of the vote
  - a system in which the parties within the coalition government change after each election
  - a system in which two parties trade power based on election results

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- \_\_\_ 17. Which of these people is most likely to self-identify as a Republican?
- African-American male electrician who is part of a union
  - Asian-American female artist who lives in Seattle
  - White female teacher who lives in an apartment in Boston
  - White male engineer who lives in a suburb of Miami
- \_\_\_ 18. At a party's national convention, which of these statements can be true?
- All delegates within each state must support the same candidate.
  - Candidates can interact with delegates to try to get their vote.
  - Delegates can switch to a different state to support a candidate.
  - Each delegate must report his or her vote individually.
- \_\_\_ 19. A teenager who is beginning to engage in the political process is most likely to do which of the following for the party?
- canvass potential voters
  - hold fundraising events
  - run as a candidate
  - serve as a party leader
- \_\_\_ 20. A Republican delegate who is interested in making sure that language strongly supporting the repeal of certain taxes is stated as a party principle should join which of these standing committees at the Republican national convention?
- credentials
  - permanent organization
  - platform and resolutions
  - rules and order of business
- \_\_\_ 21. According to demographic trends, a Hispanic female who works in a bank in Los Angeles is most likely to vote for a candidate from which party?
- Constitution Party
  - Democratic Party
  - Libertarian Party
  - Republican Party
- \_\_\_ 22. In a state that does not use plurality, candidate B would win the primary in which of these situations?
- candidate A receives 15%; candidate B receives 55%; candidate C receives 30%
  - candidate A receives 33%; candidate B receives 34%; candidate C receives 33%
  - candidate A receives 45%; candidate B receives 47%; candidate C receives 8%
  - candidate A receives 52%; candidate B receives 29%; candidate C receives 19%

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- \_\_\_ 23. What event led to the dominance of two parties in the American political system?
- a. American Revolution
  - b. Civil War
  - c. Great Depression
  - d. World War II
- \_\_\_ 24. The most political power is likely to be held by the Democratic Party in which of these geographic locations?
- a. mountain West
  - b. Northwest coast
  - c. Southeast
  - d. Southwest
- \_\_\_ 25. A delegate to a nominating convention must be which of the following?
- a. a candidate for office
  - b. a financial donor to the party
  - c. a member of the party
  - d. a party leader
- \_\_\_ 26. Which of these is a conservative ideology that is part of the 2012 Democratic Party's platform?
- a. American diplomats should participate in the United Nations.
  - b. Government should address the threats of climate change.
  - c. Oil extraction on public lands should be limited.
  - d. Taxes should be decreased for some Americans.
- \_\_\_ 27. From the Republican Party's viewpoint, which one of these qualities in a candidate might be the most important?
- a. ability to argue with people who do not agree with the party
  - b. ability to communicate the party platform clearly
  - c. ability to get along well with fellow candidates
  - d. ability to travel constantly with no breaks
- \_\_\_ 28. If a state uses plurality to decide the winner of a primary, which of these is true?
- a. After the primary, party leaders must meet to determine who won.
  - b. Only a limited number of candidates can participate in the primary.
  - c. The candidate receiving the most votes will win the primary.
  - d. The two candidates receiving the most votes will have to compete in a runoff.
- \_\_\_ 29. Which of these people is likely to self-identify as a Republican?
- a. African-American, middle-class woman who lives in Atlanta
  - b. Hispanic, working-class man who lives in Philadelphia
  - c. white, middle-class, religious woman who lives in a Denver suburb
  - d. white, working-class man who lives in New York City

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- \_\_\_ 30. In a foreign country, candidates from different parties run against each other, but only candidates from one party ever win. This outcome suggests that the system most resembles which of these?
- a. multi-party system
  - b. one-party system
  - c. single-member district
  - d. two-party system
- \_\_\_ 31. A primary system that uses plurality can save the party time and money by allowing it to avoid what?
- a. canvassing
  - b. caucuses
  - c. nominations
  - d. runoff
- \_\_\_ 32. Someone who is to the far right on the political spectrum would most likely agree with which of these statements?
- a. Any two nonrelated adults should be able to marry each other.
  - b. Medicare is necessary but should be reformed.
  - c. Public schools should receive government help to thrive.
  - d. Wealthy people deserve to keep most of the money they have earned.
- \_\_\_ 33. A moderate-conservative might make which of the following statements?
- a. Everyone should have the right to control their own bodies.
  - b. Humans could not possibly have any effect on such a big thing as the atmosphere.
  - c. People on welfare abuse the system, so the system should be shut down.
  - d. People should be free to live their own lives, but sometimes people do need help.
- \_\_\_ 34. A candidate from the Green Party in the United States runs for the presidency to bring attention to issues involving the environment and social justice. The Green Party could be considered which of these?
- a. ideological party
  - b. major party
  - c. single-issue party
  - d. splinter party
- \_\_\_ 35. A local political party is most likely to recommend which of these people for a state executive appointment?
- a. a businessperson who put up a sign supporting a party's candidate
  - b. a lawyer who does volunteer legal work for the party
  - c. a teacher who brings her students to visit each party's offices
  - d. an independent contractor who maintains no party affiliation

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- \_\_\_ 36. Over time, political parties in the United States have undergone evolution. Which of these parties evolved from the slavery-opposing Whig party?
- a. Know-Nothings
  - b. Northern Democrats
  - c. Republicans
  - d. Southern Democrats
- \_\_\_ 37. In some states, members of a party are welcome to attend a series of meetings in order to nominate the candidate that will represent the party. What is this system of nomination called?
- a. caucus
  - b. closed primary
  - c. direct primary
  - d. open primary
- \_\_\_ 38. What would be the best way to predict how a candidate is likely to vote on a wide variety of issues if he or she is elected?
- a. attend the nominating convention for the candidate
  - b. read the candidate's election materials
  - c. read the platform of the candidate's political party
  - d. vote for the candidate in a primary
- \_\_\_ 39. Which of these is part of both the Democratic and Republican Party platforms?
- a. support for counterterrorism measures
  - b. support for greenhouse gas reduction
  - c. support for public employees to unionize
  - d. support for same-sex marriage
- \_\_\_ 40. Which of these would be a major barrier to the success of a candidate running as a member of the Reform Party in the United States?
- a. Other third-party candidates are likely to be running as well.
  - b. Proportional representation exists in some areas.
  - c. Third-parties rarely qualify for public financing.
  - d. Votes for this candidate may negatively impact a major candidate.
- \_\_\_ 41. In one European country, major parties include the Labour Party, Conservative Party, Progress Party, Christian Democratic Party, the Centre Party, and the Liberal Party. Each of these parties has significant representation in parliament. What is likely to be true in this country?
- a. Gridlock is common due to the many different ideologies of these parties.
  - b. Only one of these parties has the power to run the country at one time.
  - c. Some of these parties must join together to obtain the power to govern.
  - d. The party holding the most seats in parliament is free to enact its policies.

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- \_\_\_ 42. Which of these statements is currently true about the nomination of a party's presidential candidate?
- a. Delegates simply nominate the candidate that has been chosen by party leaders.
  - b. It is clear which candidate will be nominated before the national convention.
  - c. Nomination must be unanimous, with delegates from every state affirming the choice.
  - d. Sometimes a new candidate will emerge and be nominated at the convention.
- \_\_\_ 43. To become a member of a particular political party, one must do which of these?
- a. call yourself a member
  - b. contribute to the party
  - c. volunteer for the party
  - d. vote for only the party's candidates
- \_\_\_ 44. A person who supports laws that limit the production of greenhouse gases and opposes American involvement in foreign wars would most likely identify with which of these parties?
- a. Constitution Party
  - b. Democratic Party
  - c. Libertarian Party
  - d. Republican Party
- \_\_\_ 45. The Progressive Party (or Bull Moose Party), created by former Republican president Theodore Roosevelt, was which type of third party?
- a. coalition party
  - b. ideological party
  - c. single-issue party
  - d. splinter party

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- a. discuss candidates and policy, and choose delegates
- b. likely to consider many options; not ideological
- c. supports government-run social programs
- d. group protesting patent laws is one example
- e. document with signatures supporting a candidate
- f. supports freedom from regulation for businesses
- g. based on percentage of votes each party's candidate receives
- h. presidential and vice-presidential candidates from one party
- i. example is the United States, with Democrats and Republicans
- j. collaboration between elected officials in a multi-party system

- \_\_\_ 46. liberal
- \_\_\_ 47. ticket
- \_\_\_ 48. coalition government
- \_\_\_ 49. Republican Party
- \_\_\_ 50. petition
- \_\_\_ 51. caucus
- \_\_\_ 52. two-party system
- \_\_\_ 53. centrist
- \_\_\_ 54. proportional representation
- \_\_\_ 55. single-issue party



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- a. believes citizens can solve problems better than government
- b. one representative; difficult for third-party candidate to win
- c. contact voters to hear opinions and get votes for a candidate
- d. political support is rewarded with jobs or contracts
- e. divide due to differences in ideology
- f. party that seeks to increase personal freedoms is one example
- g. no opposition allowed; examples are Cuba and North Korea
- h. selection of candidates by party members
- i. supports consumer protections and tax reduction for the poor
- j. largest number of votes guarantees a winner

\_\_\_ 56. one-party system

\_\_\_ 57. direct primary

\_\_\_ 58. polarize

\_\_\_ 59. plurality

\_\_\_ 60. patronage

\_\_\_ 61. canvass

\_\_\_ 62. conservative

\_\_\_ 63. single-member district

\_\_\_ 64. ideological party

\_\_\_ 65. Democratic Party

a. party platform

b. Democrats

c. gridlock

d. exceptionalism

e. Republicans

\_\_\_ 66. believe in a limited economic role for government

\_\_\_ 67. often the result when polarization affects political parties

\_\_\_ 68. belief that the U.S. has a special role to play in world affairs

\_\_\_ 69. believe government should actively address social issues

\_\_\_ 70. statement of beliefs on a variety of specific issues