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**1st Semester Civics LCS Common Assessment Benchmark Review**

**Please use this packet, along with all of your Test, Definition Depots and Outlines to study for your Mid-term Exam.**

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| **Essential Question** | **Answer** |
| 1. The Enlightenment idea of separation of powers was developed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| 2. John Locke’s theory that certain truths in society come from and are governed by nature is known as the theory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| 3. Describe John Locke’s theory of social contract. |  |
| 4. This document guaranteed that not even the king or queen was above the law. |  |
| 5. Explain the significance of the English Bill of Rights on the development of the U.S. Constitution. |  |
| 6. What was the first document that established self-government by creating a direct democracy in the colonies? |  |
| 7. This pamphlet was used to persuade members of the Second Continental Congress and justified the ideals and reasons for independence from Great Britain. |  |
| 8. Give specific examples of colonial responses to English policies. |  |
| 9. What concerns of the colonists’ led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence? |  |
| 10. What were the main complaints/arguments against Britain in the Declaration of Independence? |  |
| 11. John Locke’s theory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_guaranteed that all individuals are entitled to basic rights such as life, liberty, and property. |  |
| 12. Which document outlined the first form of government for the United States? Which system of government did this document create? |  |
| 13. List some of the major weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation. |  |
| 14. What is the purpose of the Preamble to the Constitution? |  |
| 15. What was the main argument the Federalists used to support the ratification of the Constitution? |  |
| 16. List the arguments the Anti-Federalists used to against ratifying the Constitution.  |  |
| 17. A legal member of a country is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| 18. Name the two ways a person can become a U.S. citizen. |  |
| 19. List the steps in the naturalization process.  |  |
| 20. What are the major differences between Democrats and Republicans? |  |
| 21. What is a plank? |  |
| 22. What is a platform? |  |
| 23. Give an example of media informing the public about government.  |  |
| 24. Give an example of how an individual can influence government. |  |
| 25. Give an example of how interest groups can influence government. |  |
| 26. What is bias? |  |
| 27. What is symbolism? |  |
| 28. What is propaganda? |  |
| 29. What is the difference between direct democracy and representative democracy? |  |
| 30. Explain the major similarity between socialism and communism. |  |
| 31. A type of government in which the leadership is comprised of the few wealthy elite is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |
| 32. What is monarchy? |  |
| 33. What is autocracy? |  |
| 34. What is a Federal system of government? Give an example.  |  |
| 35. What is a confederal system of government? Give an example. |  |
| 36. What is a unitary system of government? Give an example. |  |
| 37. What is the term for a system of government in which the power to make and execute laws is held by a [parliament](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/parliament)? |  |
| 38. What term means that all citizens are accountable to the law? |  |
| 39. Why is rule of law fundamental to the American legal system? |  |
| 40. Why is it an obligation or a duty for citizens to follow laws? |  |
| 41. Why do citizens pay taxes? How does this benefit society? |  |
| 42. Why is it important to have citizens serve on juries? |  |
| 43. Order the five rights guaranteed by the 1st amendment. |  |
| 44. Why was it important to add the Bill of Rights to the Constitution? |  |
| 45. List the rights guaranteed by the 5th amendment (4D’s)D: D:D:D: |  |
| 46. How do the fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighthamendments protect the rights of the accused?Fourth:Fifth:Sixth:Eighth: |  |
| 47. Why do you think the Framers included the 2nd amendment with respect to ***militias***? |  |
| 48. Why did the Framers include the 3rd amendment in the Bill of Rights? |  |
| 49. Explain the difference between the 6th and 7th amendments. |  |
| 50. How does the Ninth Amendment safeguard individual liberties? |  |
| 51. How does the Tenth Amendment reinforce federalism? |  |
| 52. Describe the principle of due process of law. |  |
| 53. How does the Bill of Rights help ensure that the U.S. remains a democracy? |  |
| 54. What are the two methods of proposing constitutional amendments? |  |
| 55. In order for an amendment to be added to the Constitution, it must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by at least ¾ states. |  |
| 56. What is the law making branch of Government?  |  |
| 57. Which Article in the U.S. Constitution identifies the powers of the president? |  |
| 58. Which branch of government is composed of district courts, circuit courts, appellate courts, and other federal courts? |  |
| 59. Which goal of the U.S. Constitution states that the government make sure to care for the well-being of all of its people? |  |
| 60. Which goal of the Preamble to U.S. Constitution states that the government should be a better union of states than the one created under the Articles of Confederation? |  |
| 61. Which goal of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that the government should make laws and establish a system of courts that is fair to all? |  |
| 62. Which goal of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that the government should work to safeguard the freedom of the people? |  |
| 63. Which goal of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that the government should work to protect the country from its enemies? |  |
| 64. Which goal of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution states that the government should preserve peace within the country? |  |
| 65. What is a lobbyist? |  |
| 66. What are the current major political parties? |  |
| 67. In what founding U.S. document is the principle of “consent of the governed” expressed? |  |
| 68. What is the meaning of “We the People” as written in the Preamble to the US Constitution? |  |
| 69. Give examples of how a person’s constitutional rights can be limited? |  |