

Answers: Constitution Review Test

1. One idea contained in the Declaration of Independence is that a government gets its power from
__C__ the people.
2. Article I of the Illinois Constitution provides that persons with physical or mental handicaps
__C__ will not be discriminated against .
3. The Illinois Constitution now in effect was adopted in
__A__ 1970.
4. Who wrote most of the Declaration of Independence?
__D__ Thomas Jefferson .
5. A federal system of government
__C__ divides power between a national government and state governments.
6. To be eligible to run for president, a person must be a natural born citizen of the United States and
__C__ be 35 years old and live in the U.S. for at least 14 years.
7. The number of members of the House of Representatives
__B__ always totals 435.
8. The President is not elected directly by the people. Instead, the President is elected by the
__A__ Electoral College.
9. Article I of the Illinois Constitution guarantees due process and equal protection under the law to all Illinois citizens. This means
__D__ all of the above.
10. Both the U.S. Constitution and the Illinois Constitution can be amended or changed. A proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution must be approved by
__B__ three-fifths of all the voters during a general election.
11. Congress cannot suspend a person's right to the writ of habeas corpus. This protects a person from
__C__ unjust imprisonment.
12. The right of eminent domain allows
__C__ the state of Illinois to buy private property for public use.
13. Article III of the Constitution defines treason. Article III also says that a person can be convicted of treason only if the person confesses in open court or
__C__ two eyewitnesses testify against the person.
14. If the U.S. flag is displayed with flags of other countries,
__D__ all of the above.
15. To vote in Illinois, a person must be a U.S. citizen,
__B__ 18 years old, a resident of Illinois for at least 30 days before the election, and registered to vote.
16. Article I requires the Congress to meet
__A__ at least once a year.
17. One power the President does have is to
__C__ act as commander-in-chief of the military.
18. The legislative department of Illinois government is called
__A__ the General Assembly.

19. If the U.S. flag is flown on the same pole and halyard with flags of other states or cities,
D the U.S. flag should be at the top.
20. Congress cannot pass an ex post facto law. An ex post facto law
C makes an act illegal after it was done, even though when it was done, it was legal.
21. To be in the Illinois General Assembly a person must be
A a U.S. citizen, 21 years old, and a resident of the district to be represented for at least 2 years.
22. The Great Compromise settled one important issue at the Constitutional Convention, how to
A choose members of Congress.
23. The first ten amendments to the Constitution, approved in 1791, are known as the
D the Bill of Rights.
24. The Illinois Constitution says the General Assembly must redistrict the legislative districts after the census every 10 years. The Illinois Constitution says these districts must be
D compact, contiguous, and about the same in population.
25. Reserved powers are
D powers that state governments may use if the powers are not given to the national government and are not forbidden to the states.
26. Concurrent powers are powers that
A are given to both the national and state governments.
27. Bills passed by the General Assembly must be presented to the governor. This must be done
D within 30 days after the bill has been passed.
28. Judicial review, the power of the Supreme Court to say that laws are unconstitutional, was established in 1803 in the case
B Marbury versus Madison.
29. Articles I, II, and III of the Constitution divide the power of the federal government into three branches. This principle is called
B separation of powers.
30. The main duty of the lieutenant governor of Illinois is to
C perform any duties stated in Illinois law or assigned by the governor.
31. If the U.S. flag is displayed on the wall from crossed staffs, it should be
C on its own right with its staff in front of the other staffs.
32. According to the 22nd amendment, a person can be elected president of the United States
D only twice.
33. The chief legal officer in Illinois is
C the attorney general.
34. Americans are free to practice any religion they choose or practice no religion at all. The amendment which guarantees this right is
A the first amendment.
35. For the most part, the eligibility to vote is left up to
A each state.
36. If the governor of Illinois dies or is unable to act as governor, the position is filled by
A the lieutenant governor.
37. A bill becomes a law only after it has been passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives and then
A signed by the President.

38. Alcoholic drinks such as beer and wine were illegal in the U.S. after the passage of the 18th amendment in 1919. Today alcoholic drinks are legal in the United States because:
__B__ in 1933, the 21st amendment repealed the 18th amendment.
39. The governor appoints the directors and the administrators for many Illinois agencies. After the governor nominates these people, they must be approved by
__B__ the Illinois Senate.
40. The Electoral College votes of each state
__C__ all go to the candidate who received the most popular votes.
41. The power to recognize and establish relationships with other countries and their governments is one power of
__D__ the President.
42. If the governor vetoes a bill passed by the Illinois General Assembly, the general assembly can override the governor's veto. To do this, the vote in both the Senate and House of Representatives must be
__B__ three-fifths of all members.
43. If no one running for president receives a majority of Electoral College votes,
__A__ the House of Representatives selects the president from the 3 candidates who received the most Electoral College votes.
44. Federal judges are
__D__ appointed by the president and approved by the Senate.
45. One power that the Illinois governor has which the U.S. president does not have is
__B__ ability to veto individual items of appropriation bills.
46. Federal judges serve as judges
__C__ for life unless they are impeached.
47. The 1954 Supreme Court case which ruled that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional was
__B__ Brown versus Topeka Board of Education.
48. How are federal court systems and the Illinois court systems similar?
__D__ All of the above.
49. The person who presides over the U.S. House of Representatives is
__C__ the Speaker of the House.
50. The part of the Constitution which makes all people born in the U.S. citizens is
__B__ the fourteenth amendment.

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