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CIVICS MIDTERM CORE EXAM STUDY GUIDE

Use your notes and textbook to find as much information as possible on the given topics.

Chapter 1 – Citizenship and Government in a Democracy

1. Identify and give examples of the following types of governments.

a. Dictatorship (pg. 10)

b. Representative Democracy (pg. 10)

2. Compare the rights of citizens vs. non-citizens (pg. 16-17)

3. Identify the functions of government (pg. 7-9-chart)

Chapter 2 – Roots of American Democracy

1. What was the purpose of the English Bill of Rights established in 1689? (pg. 29)

2. Identify the following documents, people, and events influenced the formation of our Democracy.

a. Magna Carta (pg. 28-29)

b. Declaration of Independence (pg. 36-37)

c. Shays' Rebellion (pg. 42)

3. What were the philosophies of this influential scholar?

- a. John Locke (pg. 37-38)

Chapter 3 – The Constitution

1. What was the purpose of the **Constitutional Convention** (pg. 54)

2. Explain the **Great Compromise** (pg. 56)

3. Explain the **3/5 Compromise** (pg. 57)

4. Describe Separation of Powers (pg. 91)

5. Preamble-**Goals—interpret** the meanings of each goal within the Preamble and give modern examples of policies that attempt to achieve these goals. (pg. 83)

- a. “form a more perfect union”

- b. “establish justice”

- c. “insure domestic tranquility”

- d. “provide for the common defense”

- e. “promote the general welfare”

- f. “secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity”

6. List two **Checks and Balances** for each branch (chart – pg. 91-92)

Executive

Judicial

Legislative

7. Federalism (pg. 92)

8. Give two examples of each type of power (pg. 92-93)

a. Enumerated Powers (National) (pg. 92)

b. Reserved Powers (State) (pg. 92)

c. Concurrent Powers (Both) (pg. 93)

9. Define Popular Sovereignty (pg. 89-90)

10. Define Limited Government and give an example of a document that established it (pg. 90)

11. Describe the difference between strict and loose interpretation of the Constitution. (86-87)

Chapter 4 – Bill of Rights

1. Identify the following:
 - a. First Amendment (pg. 99-100)
 - b. Second Amendment (pg. 106)
 - c. Fourth Amendment (pg. 103-104)
 - d. Tenth Amendment (pg. 107)
 - e. Nineteenth Amendment (pg. 111)
 - f. Twenty-six Amendment (pg. 112)
2. Explain Brown v. Board of Education (pg. 114)
3. Define affirmative action (pg. 115)
4. What is the purpose of the Civil Rights Act? (pg. 114)

Chapter 5 – The Citizen and the Community

1. List your Civic Duties (pg. 120)
2. List your Civic Responsibilities (pg. 122-123)
3. Describe ways that you could participate or help in the political process as an American citizen.

Chapter 6 – Congress

1. Explain the process of a bill becoming a law. (pg. 160)
2. Who is the leader of each House of Congress? (pg. 140-141)
3. List the qualifications for Senate (pg. 139)
4. List the qualifications for House of Representatives (pg. 139)

Chapter 7 – The President and the Executive Branch

1. List the qualifications of the President (pg. 166)
2. List the first 4 officials in order of succession after the President (pg. 168-169)
3. Describe the President's role as Commander-in-Chief (pg. 173)
4. Describe the difference between Domestic and Foreign policy (pg. 175-178)
5. List the tools of foreign policy. (pg. 176-178)
6. Describe the purpose of NATO and its importance. (pg. 177)

7. Define Isolationism (not in book/teacher notes)
8. Identify the purposes of independent government agencies.
 - a. FDA (pg. 506)
 - b. EPA (pg. 334)
 - c. NSA (teacher notes)
 - d. TSA (teacher notes)

Chapter 8 – The Judicial Branch

1. List the levels of the Federal Court System (pg. 196 – 200)
2. Describe Judicial Review (pg. 202)

Chapter 9 – Parties and Politics

1. Describe the stances of the Republican and Democratic Parties on the following issues (pg. 219 and pg. 222)
 - a. Abortion
 - b. Death penalty
 - c. Gun Rights

d. Same Sex Marriage

e. Taxation

2. What are the roles and affects of Third Parties on elections? (pg. 219)

Chapter 10 – Voting and Elections

1. Define the difference between the following terms:

a. Electoral vote (pg. 240)

b. Popular vote (pg. 167)

2. Describe how the Electoral College System works and describe any flaws in the system. (pg. 167)

3. Describe the purpose of a runoff election. (pg. 242)

Chapter 11 – Influencing Government

1. List/define the seven propaganda techniques (pg. 274)

2. Explain how Interest Groups influence the government. (pg. 272-273)

3. What is a major criticism of the influence of Lobbyists within the political process? (pg. 272)

4. Define the following interest groups (abbreviations and what they do):

a. NAACP

b. PETA

c. MADD

d. NRA

e. NOW

Chapter 13 – Local Government

1. Examples of local government revenue. (pg. 550)

2. Define and state what levels of government are financed by the following types of taxes.

a. Income Tax (pg. 85)

b. Sales Tax (pg. 549)

c. Property Tax (pg. 550)

Chapter 25 –Government Finances

1. Give examples services or expenditures at the federal, state and local level. (pg. 544, 550-charts)