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# CIVICS AND ECONOMICS

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**Directions**

Read each question carefully and choose the best answer. Then mark the space on your answer document for the answer you have chosen.

**SAMPLE**

**Which action will the government take when it needs more money?**

- A** Hold elections
- B** Lower prices
- C** Increase taxes
- D** Hire workers

**1 In which court is the decision of the court always final?**

- A** Virginia Circuit Court
- B** United States Court of Appeals
- C** United States Supreme Court
- D** Virginia General District Court

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**Government Responsibilities**

<b>State</b>	<b>Federal</b>
• Supports community health	• <u>  ?  </u>

**Which responsibility completes this table?**

- F** Licenses new cars
- G** Imposes traffic fines
- H** Conducts foreign policy
- J** Establishes public schools

Willa Slaboda was in the House of Representatives for several years before losing an election. Now she works for the Milk Council and tries to influence legislators' votes on dairy bills.

**What is the title of Ms. Slaboda's job?**

- A** Regulator
- B** Lawyer
- C** Plaintiff
- D** Lobbyist

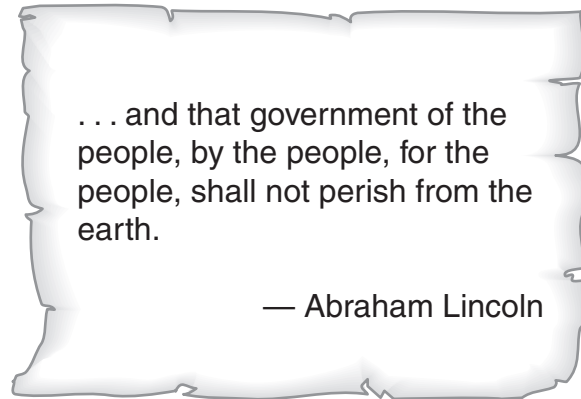
**4 Which basic principle of the Constitution of the United States prevents any one branch from gaining too much power?**

- F** Checks and balances
- G** Representative government
- H** Popular sovereignty
- J** Rule of law

**5 The Virginia legislature is called the —**

- A** State Congress
- B** State Assembly
- C** General Congress
- D** General Assembly

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**This quote from the Gettysburg Address *best* defines which principle of American constitutional government?**

- F** Separation of powers
- G** Limited government
- H** Rule of law
- J** Democratic government

**7 In a criminal procedure, which of these is required for an arrest?**

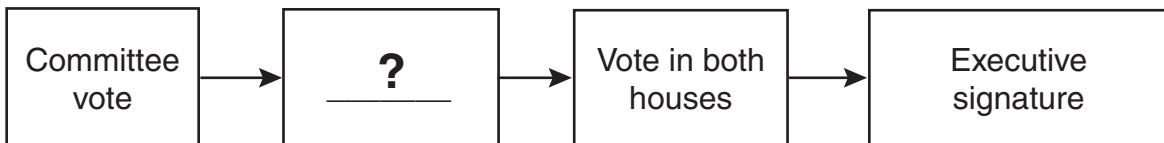
- A** Sentencing
- B** Arraignment
- C** Guilty verdict
- D** Probable cause

**8 Issuing search warrants, arrest warrants, and subpoenas is the responsibility of —**

- F** police chiefs
- G** court attorneys
- H** magistrates
- J** plaintiffs

**9**

**How a Bill Becomes Law**



**Which of the following completes this diagram?**

- A** Referendum
- B** Veto
- C** Judicial opinion
- D** Floor debate

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... in order to form a more perfect union ...

**Which document was written with this stated purpose?**

- F** Constitution of the United States
- G** Declaration of Independence
- H** Articles of Confederation
- J** Virginia Declaration of Rights

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At the end of World War I, President Woodrow Wilson wanted the United States to join the League of Nations. The United States Senate refused to approve the Versailles Treaty, and therefore the United States never joined the League of Nations.

**This refusal by the Senate to approve the treaty is an example of —**

- A** international relations
- B** checks and balances
- C** executive veto
- D** rule of law



12 The *first* national government of the United States was created by the —

- F Declaration of Independence
- G Articles of Confederation
- H Constitution of the United States
- J Inaugural Address

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According to this newspaper, in which activity were these media groups *most* likely involved?

- A Attempting to influence new laws
- B Regulating local advertisements
- C Investing in new technology
- D Gathering national data



**This World War II poster appeals to which trait of an American citizen?**

- F** Trustworthiness
- G** Patriotism
- H** Courtesy
- J** Honesty

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Susan went to the movies. During the film, the man behind her repeatedly used a cell phone. Susan quietly asked the man to turn off the phone.

**What personal character trait did Susan model for the man on the phone?**

- A** Accountability
- B** Responsibility
- C** Courtesy
- D** Honesty

**16 For government to be effective, citizens must —**

- F** perform civic duties
- G** work for elected officials
- H** identify with local leaders
- J** join political parties

**17 Which of the following statements does the First Amendment guarantee?**

- A** You may meet with other people.
- B** You may have a speedy trial.
- C** You may vote in elections.
- D** You may own firearms.

**18 The idea that newspapers have a right to criticize the government is known as freedom of —**

- F** the press
- G** speech
- H** the economy
- J** assembly

**Qualifications to Vote in Virginia**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Citizen of the United States</li><li>2. Eighteen years of age</li><li>3. _____<br/>          <b>?</b></li></ol> |
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**Which item *best* completes this list?**

- A** Licensed driver
- B** State resident
- C** Employed
- D** Married

**20 A candidate for national office often appeals to the *most* citizens by —**

- F** meeting with foreign leaders
- G** belonging to a third party
- H** holding moderate views
- J** leading an activist group

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America is becoming less democratic. It is getting more difficult for an average person to run for office. Only rich people can serve in the government.

Which of these *best* explains this opinion?

- A Number of elections
- B Influence of lobbyists
- C High campaign costs
- D Expensive registration fees

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Newspaper Headline



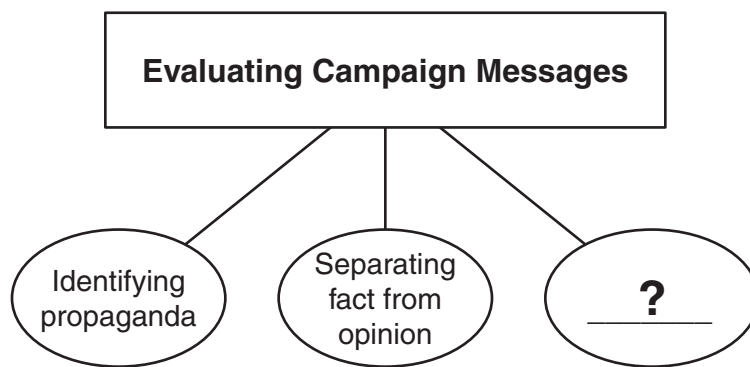
What role is this newspaper playing in the election process?

- F Highlighting issues
- G Identifying candidates
- H Publishing editorials
- J Providing a forum for voters

**23** Third parties differ from the two *main* political parties because third parties —

- A** have more official members
- B** have more political experience
- C** are older than the two main parties
- D** are often concerned with one issue

**24**



**Which would *best* replace the question mark in this web?**

- F** Analyzing election results
- G** Holding debates
- H** Conducting voter surveys
- J** Recognizing bias

**25** Which of the following is a function of political parties?

- A** Appointing diplomatic officials
- B** Electing Supreme Court justices
- C** Nominating qualified candidates
- D** Protecting former Presidents

**26** What are the earnings a business has left after all its expenses have been paid?

- F** Capital
- G** Profit
- H** Taxes
- J** Wages

**27**

- Government control of property and resources
- Lack of consumer choice

**This list describes what type of economic system?**

- A** Command
- B** Mixed
- C** Free market
- D** Barter

**28** Who has the *most* influence in a free market economic system?

- F** Consumers
- G** Producers
- H** Suppliers
- J** Lawyers



**29 A discount is a form of —**

- A** resource
- B** capital
- C** incentive
- D** consumption

**30**

**Carlos Chooses**

Carlos would like to buy a new computer game. He also would like to see two movies, but does not have enough money to do everything. After thinking it over, Carlos decides to go to the movies instead of buying the computer game.

**What is the opportunity cost of going to the movies?**

- F** Price of the movie tickets
- G** Value of the computer game
- H** Time of buying the computer game
- J** Enjoyment of seeing the movies

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- I am the only owner of my business.
- I take all the risks of doing business.
- I keep all of my profits.

**What kind of business is *best* described by these statements?**

- A** Cooperative
- B** Corporation
- C** Partnership
- D** Proprietorship

**32 An entrepreneur is a person who —**

- F** enforces government regulations for business
- G** takes the risk of production to earn a profit
- H** sets the interest rates at banks
- J** manages financial investments

**33 Career planning should begin with —**

- A** work ethic
- B** job training
- C** self-assessment
- D** community service

**34 What is one way to lower the cost of production?**

- F** Hire additional workers
- G** Create new technologies
- H** Use more resources
- J** Offer discount prices

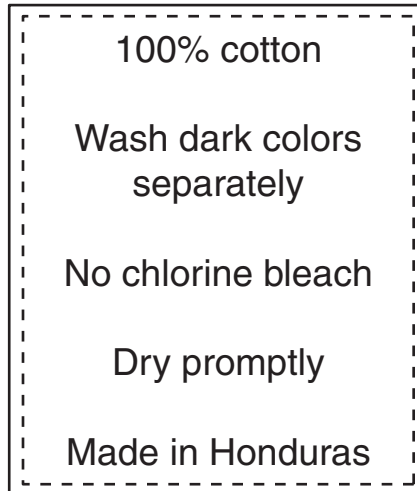
**35 Tax money paid by businesses and individuals is used to provide —**

- A** private savings
- B** natural resources
- C** public goods
- D** company profits

- Schools
- Highways
- Libraries

**These are referred to as public services because they —**

- F** encourage cooperation between government branches
- G** are funded through individual investment
- H** are created by large corporations
- J** provide benefits to many people



**This tag, found in a shirt, is the result of a federal law to protect consumers. Which of the following would *most* likely enforce this law?**

- A** Federal Communications Commission
- B** Environmental Protection Agency
- C** Federal Trade Commission
- D** Internal Revenue Service

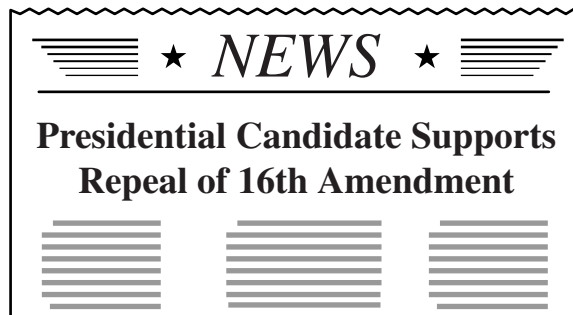
**38 The United States government encourages marketplace competition by —**

- F** supporting new businesses
- G** developing monopolies
- H** taxing imports
- J** limiting economic growth

**39 A goal of the Federal Reserve System is to —**

- A** set the tax rate
- B** keep the economy stable
- C** maintain high interest rates
- D** provide tax money to the government

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**This candidate supports the removal of —**

- F** business regulations
- G** pollution controls
- H** import tariffs
- J** income taxes



**Answer Key-CSH037-H0117**

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