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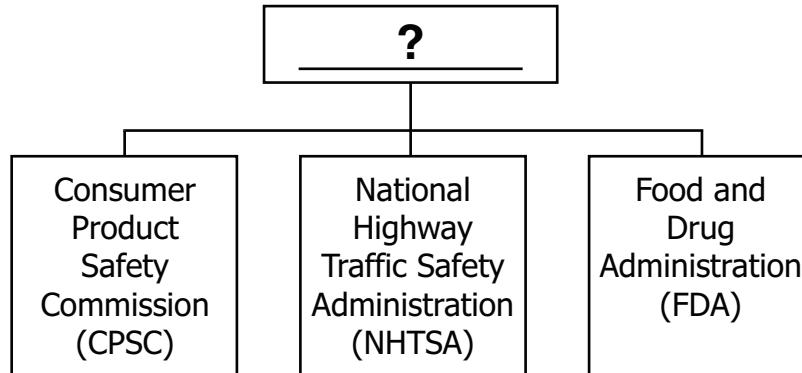
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**SAMPLE ITEMS
FOR
CIVICS & ECONOMICS**

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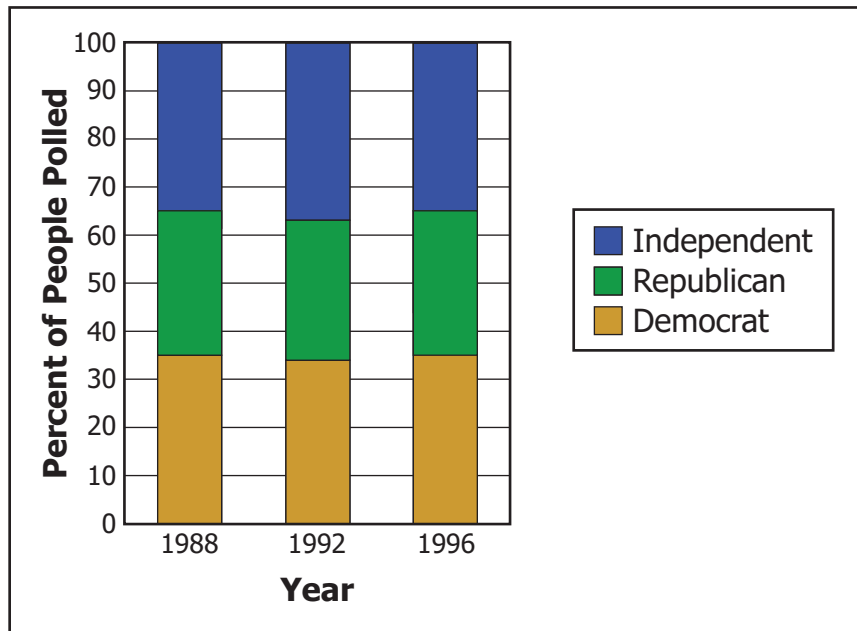


Which title best completes this diagram?

- A** Congressional Committees
- B** Government-Owned Business Corporations
- C** Types of Political Action Committees
- D** Government Agencies

2 Olivia normally works after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Which is her opportunity cost if she adds Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to her work schedule?

- A** The extra money she could earn
- B** The additional hours she spends at the job
- C** The time she could spend studying
- D** The new clothes she could buy

Political Party Identification, 1988–1996

This graph best reflects which fact about American voters?

- A** Independent voters help decide elections.
- B** Union members vote for the Democratic Party.
- C** Business owners vote for the Republican Party.
- D** Political identification helps voters choose candidates.

4 The main purpose of a Political Action Committee (PAC) is to —

- A** see that money is distributed equally among presidential candidates
- B** publicize a presidential candidate's ideas through the use of the media
- C** raise money for candidates who support the same views
- D** develop the party platform for the candidate's party

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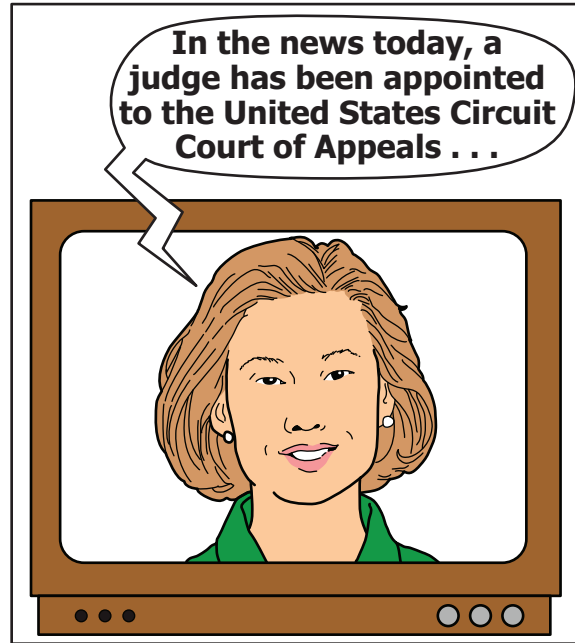
A person is accused of committing a felony. The trial takes place in front of a judge and jury.

In which court will this case first be tried?

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

6 Which statement is an example of the principle of rule of law?

- A** A city council member is found guilty of speeding.
- B** A state senator is reelected to her second term.
- C** A crime suspect is informed of his constitutional rights.
- D** A citizen is shown how to register to vote.



This announcement is referring to powers belonging to the —

- A** legislative branch of a state government
- B** executive branch of the national government
- C** legislative branch of the national government
- D** executive branch of a state government

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Answer Key

Item Sequence	Correct Answer
1	D
2	C
3	A
4	C
5	D
6	A
7	B