**FORM A**

**United States Government Final Exam – Part I**

**Directions**: For each question, select the BEST answer choice. Write all answers on the answer sheet provided.

**Word Bank**

1. Article I
2. Article II
3. Article III
4. Senate
5. rule of law
6. Commander in Chief
7. separation of powers
8. House of Representatives
9. Secretary of Defense
10. amendment
11. democracy
12. bicameral
13. Constitution
14. Articles of Confederation
15. federalism

**Matching** (2 points each – 20 points total)

1. The upper house of the Congress, with the same number of representatives from each state
2. The first form of government in the United States after declaring independence; a “firm league of friendship”
3. Made up of two houses
4. A change or addition to the Constitution
5. Established the Executive Branch
6. Established the Judicial Branch
7. Established the Legislative Branch
8. The ability of the Supreme Court to determine if a law or act of government is constitutional or not
9. The distribution of governmental power between the national and state governments
10. The President as supreme head of the Armed Forces

**Multiple Choice** (1 point each – 40 points total)

1. A judicial decision that becomes an example is
2. appellate jurisdiction.
3. concurrent jurisdiction.
4. exclusive jurisdiction.
5. precedent.
6. The Constitution is organized into
	1. preambles.
	2. articles.
	3. outlines.
	4. numeric sections.
7. The idea of self-government is in the first words of the Constitution. What are these words?
8. We the people
9. Rule of law
10. All men equal
11. I have a dream
12. How many members are there in the House of Representatives?
13. 435
14. 100
15. 2
16. 500
17. The three branches of government are tied together by a system of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whereby each branch is subject to constitutional limits by the other branches.
18. judicial review
19. constitutionalism
20. checks and balances
21. amendments
22. The Constitution of the United States has how many amendments?
23. three
24. seven
25. 27
26. 50
27. Which of the following describes the avenue by which the Supreme Court can shape the Constitution?
28. By proposing a constitutional amendment
29. By exerting influence on political parties
30. By interpreting what the words of the Constitution mean in practice
31. By voting in federal elections
32. What is the common name of the first ten amendments?
33. Article VIII
34. Bill of Rights
35. Preamble
36. Declaration of Independence
37. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
38. July 4, 1776
39. August 30, 1990
40. July 4, 1781
41. December 15, 1919
42. Which is NOT one right of the first amendment?
43. freedom to petition
44. freedom to assemble
45. freedom to attack
46. freedom of speech
47. The Supreme Court was created by
48. George Washington.
49. The Declaration of Independence.
50. The Preamble of the Constitution.
51. Article III of the Constitution.
52. How long does a Supreme Court justice serve?
53. 8-15 years
54. Life
55. 4 years
56. No specific time
57. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
58. The President Pro Temp
59. The Speaker of the House
60. The Vice President
61. The Attorney General
62. How many representatives does Mississippi have in the House of Representatives?
63. 2
64. 3
65. 4
66. 5
67. The Supreme Court has
68. 6 judges
69. 8 judges
70. 9 judges
71. 1 judge
72. Members of the House of Representatives are elected for \_\_\_\_ terms
73. one-year
74. two-year
75. four-year
76. six-year
77. Which statement about the Senate is true?
78. It has two members from each state.
79. Its members are chosen by State legislatures.
80. Each member represents one congressional district.
81. Seats are apportioned among the States according to their populations.
82. Senators are elected to serve
83. two-year terms.
84. three-year terms.
85. four-year terms.
86. six year terms.
87. The representative for the Third District (our district) in the House of Representatives is
88. Bennie Thompson.
89. John Boehner.
90. Gregg Harper.
91. Joe Biden.
92. We elect a President for how many years?
	* 1. 1 year
		2. 2 years
		3. 4 years
		4. 6 years
93. In what month do we vote for President?
94. January
95. September
96. November
97. December
98. What are the rights listed in the Declaration of Independence?
99. We the People of the United States
100. Due Process and a fair trial
101. Life, liberty, pursuit of happiness
102. The right for all free citizens to vote
103. What is the main job of the Congress?
104. Preside in jury trials
105. Create federal laws
106. Organize treaties
107. Audit cases
108. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
109. All people of their state
110. Their district
111. The Democratic Party
112. The Republican Party
113. What is the capital of the United States?
114. Washington, D.C.
115. New York City, New York
116. Jackson, Mississippi
117. Atlanta, Georgia
118. What does the President’s Cabinet do?
119. Hold the President’s groceries
120. Store secret information
121. Select federal judges
122. Advise the President

1. According to the Constitution, the President must
2. be a registered voter.
3. have served in the U.S. Military.
4. be at least 35 years old.
5. have served in Congress.
6. A member of the House of Representatives must
7. be 25 years old and a citizen of the United States for at least seven years.
8. be 25 years old and a citizen of the United States for at least nine years.
9. be 30 years old and a citizen of the United States for at least seven years.
10. be 30 years old and a citizen of the United States for at least nine years.
11. When the President suggests new laws, he is carrying out his role as a
12. chief diplomat.
13. chief executive.
14. chief legislator.
15. commander in chief.
16. When President Obama reads ten letters from constituents every day, he is acting in his role as
17. chief diplomat.
18. commander in chief.
19. chief citizen.
20. chief of state.
21. How many electoral college votes must a candidate receive in order to win?
22. 271
23. 270
24. 269
25. 260
26. In the U.S., what determines the winner of a presidential election?
27. campaign ads
28. the popular vote
29. the Electoral College
30. the amount of money spent in each state
31. The Electoral College allows each state to have how many electors?
32. one
33. the number of their representatives in the House
34. the square root of the state’s population
35. the same number as seats the state has in the House and the Senate
36. With the words, “We the People,” the Constitution establishes its authority based on
37. popular sovereignty.
38. the rule of law.
39. the separation of powers.
40. limited government.
41. The basic constitutional rights of the people were FIRST set out in the
42. 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments.
43. 10th Amendment.
44. Bill of Rights.
45. Equal Rights Amendment.
46. Who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?
47. Patrick Henry
48. Benjamin Franklin
49. John Adams
50. Thomas Jefferson
51. Which of the following best describes the concept of limited government?
52. Powers are divided among three independent branches of government.
53. All political power belongs to the people.
54. Government is not all powerful and must operate within certain bounds set by the people.
55. The people must behave according to rules set by the government.
56. When there is a separation of powers,
57. power is divided between the National Government and the States.
58. power is distributed among three independent branches of government.
59. the people grant the States the authority to govern.
60. the basic powers of government are held by a single agency.
61. What is the political party of the current President?
	1. Whig Party
	2. Democratic Party
	3. Republican Party
	4. Democratic-Republican Party
62. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?
	1. 15
	2. 18
	3. 21
	4. 25

**United States Government Final Exam – Part II**

**Short Answer** (2 points each – 20 points total)

1. How many electoral votes does Mississippi get?
2. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
3. Who vetoes bills?
4. What is the name of the President of the United States?
5. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
6. What does the judicial branch do?
7. What is the name of the highest court in the United States?
8. What is the supreme law of the land?
9. Name one responsibility of being a U.S. citizen.
10. Name one right only for U.S. citizens.

**Essay** (20 points) – WRITE ON SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND STAPLE TO ANSWER SHEET.

In 2 **FULL PARAGRAPHS**, with complete sentences, answer the following: Describe in detail the separation of powers and system of checks and balances. What was the Framers’ intention? How is power separated and checked? How do citizens fit into the system of checks and balances? Why is it important to vote and participate in the democratic process?

**Extra Credit** (1 point each – 5 points total EXTRA)

EC 1. What is the name of the head of the Department of Justice? (the position, not the person)

EC 2. What is the name of the Governor of Mississippi?

EC 3. What is the name of one of Mississippi’s U.S. Senators?

EC 4. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States?

EC 5. What is the name of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?