

Social Studies Practice Questions

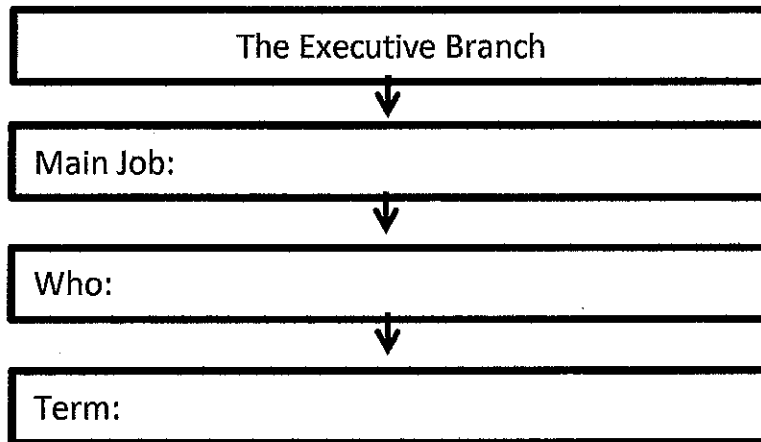
Question 1:

What event affects the most people in the United States?

- a. The election of a new governor.
- b. The building of a new high school.
- c. The death of the Prime Minister of England.
- d. The passing of a new law.

Question 2:

Fill in the missing pieces of the diagram.



- | Main Job: | Who: | Term: |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| a. To enforce laws | a. The Congress | a. For life |
| b. To interpret laws | b. The Supreme Court | b. For six or two years |
| c. To make laws | c. The President | c. For four years |

Question 3:

What social change has occurred?

- a. Women have been accepted into the workplace.
- b. Men stay at home and raise the kids.
- c. Women used to work and now they stay at home and take care of their kids.
- d. Men work harder than they used to.

Question 4:

Read the paragraph below.

Freedom of Expression

A middle school is starting a dress code for their students. Many students are against this. They think it goes against their freedom of expression.

What response would be a constitutional right for these students?

- a. Organizing a school protest.
- b. Skipping school when they start enforcing the dress code.
- c. Refusing to complete homework assignments.
- d. Destroying school property.

Question 5:

What natural resource is Michigan known for?

- a. A natural waterway to the ocean.
- b. The Great Lakes
- c. The Mackinaw Bridge
- d. The Rocky Mountains.

Question 6:

What is the job of the constitution of the United States of America?

- a. To protect the rights of the citizens.
- b. Making laws to help make money for the government.
- c. To help people make more money by taxing them.
- d. To watch people and make sure they are good people.

Question 7:

Rosa Parks

It was December 1, 1955, after a long day working at a Montgomery department store, where Rosa Parks worked as a seamstress. She boarded the Montgomery bus and took a seat in the section for "colored" passengers, but when the white section became full she was asked to give up her seat. Rosa made history by refusing to do so and was removed by the police.

Part A:

What lesson of good character is shown by the paragraph above?

- a. Bus systems should not tell you where to sit.
- b. Money is very important.
- c. Working hard is something everyone should do.
- d. Equality isn't something you should have to live without.

Part B:

What is the paragraph an example of?

- a. Segregation
- b. Slavery
- c. Slave Trade
- d. Equality

Question 8:

What economic term describes the cost for borrowing money from a bank?

- a. Profit
- b. Capitol
- c. Interest
- d. Saving

Question 9:

What is the role of the consumer?

- a. The consumer is in charge of paying of loans from the government.
- b. The consumer is part of the Legislative Branch of the government.
- c. The consumer makes items to sell.
- d. The consumer purchase goods and services.

Question 10:

Which level of government is in charge of imports from other countries?

- a. State
- b. Country
- c. Federal
- d. City

Question 11:

What is not an example of a region using its natural resources?

- a. Using the waterways in order to ship goods.
- b. Shipping in wood to build houses.
- c. Using the clay soil to fill in gaps between wood beams for a home.
- d. Gathering berries and nuts from the surrounding forest.

Question 12:

What is an example of a service?

- a. A woman going to the salon to get her hair cut.
- b. A kid raking leaves to earn money.
- c. A man buying wood to build himself a bookshelf.
- d. A man buying a bookshelf from Target.

Question 13:

What crop was essential to the growth of the early colonies, such as Jamestown?

- a. Tobacco
- b. Corn
- c. Indigo
- d. Rice

Question 14:

The process that ensures that no part of the government has too much power is called

_____.

- a. Veto
- b. Checks and balances
- c. Federal government
- d. President

Question 15:

What is the best way people help a candidate win an election?

- a. Protest the other person running.
- b. Running as a candidate themselves.
- c. Voting in an election for that candidate.
- d. Asking others to put aside their beliefs and vote for who you like.

Question 16:

What is power that resides with the State?

- a. Making laws
- b. Regulating schools
- c. International trade
- d. The power over the military

Question 17:

Which historical figure is known for peacefully protesting segregation?

- a. Thurgood Marshall
- b. Sojourner Truth
- c. Martin Luther King Jr.
- d. Harriett Tubman

Question 18:

What is Paul Revere known for?

- a. Warning the American Revolutionists that the British were coming.
- b. Leading soldiers into a battle.
- c. Founding one of America's first colonies.
- d. Making swords for the Revolutionists

Question 19:

What branch of the government is the House of Representatives a part of?

- a. The Executive Branch
- b. The Legislative Branch
- c. The Congress Branch
- d. The Judicial Branch

Question 20:

What was the purpose that Christopher Columbus had in sailing west across the Atlantic?

- a. He wanted to find new land to colonize.
- b. He wanted to find people to work for him.
- c. He was looking for Africa.
- d. He wanted to find a sea route to Asia.

Question 21:

What is the Columbian Exchange?

- a. The exchange of diseases from one place to another.
- b. The exchange of goods, animals, and diseases from the Old World to the New World and from the New World to the Old World.
- c. The trading of goods from the Old World to the New World.
- d. The colonization of the New World.

Question 22:

What is not an example of something on the Bill of Rights?

- a. Segregation
- b. Right to protect yourself
- c. Freedom of speech
- d. Freedom of religion

Question 23:

What is the middle passage?

- a. When the West African groups sold slaves to the European traders.
- b. When the slaves were loaded into ships and made the journey to the New World.
- c. When the slaves were sold at auctions and scrambles.
- d. When plantation owners hired overseers to watch over their slaves.

Question 24:

Anna doesn't have enough people to help next weekend with the volleyball car wash. This is an example of?

- a. A human scarcity
- b. A lack of supplies
- c. A good scarcity
- d. Opportunity

Question 25:

What is an example of a human characteristic of the United States?

- a. The Rocky Mountains
- b. The Hoover Dam
- c. The Grand Canyon
- d. Mount St. Helens

Question 26:

What is a power the National and State government share?

- a. Regulate immigration
- b. Administer elections
- c. Coin and print money
- d. Levy taxes

Question 27:

Because of scarcity, any time a choice is made there are alternatives that are not chosen. More precisely, there is always one next best alternative that is not chosen. The value of this next best alternative is the _____.

- a. Cost effective
- b. Abundance
- c. Opportunity cost
- d. Lack of

Question 28:

In Jamestown they set up the first government, what was it called?

- a. Iroquois Confederation
- b. House of Burgess
- c. Democracy
- d. Republic

Question 29:

What landform is sloped to a flat top?

- a. Valley
- b. Mountain
- c. Plateau
- d. Plain

Question 30:

What lesson about good character can be learned from Mary Galloway?

Mary Galloway

Mary Galloway, a woman who dressed as a man to fight in the Civil War, was wounded at the Battle of Antietam. Clara Barton discovered her true identity when treating her wound.

- a. Money is the most important thing.
- b. Treating wounded in battles is the most important job.
- c. It is important to support a good cause, no matter the consequences.
- d. You should think twice about doing the right thing.

Question 31:

When there is an abundance of a particular item, what happens?

- a. The prices go up.
- b. They give it away.
- c. The people don't want it anymore.
- d. The prices drop.

Question 32:

Who runs a city, for example Detroit?

- a. The Mayor
- b. The Governor
- c. The House of Representatives
- d. The President

Question 33:

Why did the French try to avoid conflict with the Native Americans?

- a. The Native Americans were too friendly.
- b. The Native Americans gave the Europeans anything they wanted.
- c. They wanted friends in the New World.
- d. The Europeans traded things like fur with the Native Americans.

Question 34:

What was a problem with the location of Jamestown?

- a. It was swampy.
- b. It had lost of gold in the caves.
- c. It had a poor harbor
- d. It was inhabited by hostile Native Americans.

Question 35:

What type of landform is a low spot between mountains?

- a. A plateau
- b. A river
- c. A valley
- d. A forest

Question 36:

What type of Native American dwelling was made from small trees bent into a dome shape with bark over it?

- a. A Longhouse
- b. A Teepee
- c. A Wigwam
- d. A Hogan

Question 37:

What tribe is known for their confederation (like a democracy) and the Law of Great Peace?

- a. Cherokee
- b. Chippewa
- c. Iroquois
- d. Navajo

Question 38:

What is most important to the Native Americans?

- a. Making homes out of wood.
- b. Growing good crops to trade.
- c. Making friends with the Europeans.
- d. Using their natural resources wisely.

Question 39:

What is not a way the government uses the taxes they collect?

- a. To build schools.
- b. To buy goods and services for the President.
- c. To pay the Mayor
- d. To fund the military.

Question 40:

What type of farm needed lots of workers, which slaves were then used to fill?

- a. Overseer farm
- b. Plantation
- c. Corn farm
- d. Small farm