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1. Unit 03: American Institutions Questions

4.1.1. A member of Congress is personally in favor of a bill, but votes ag...

Author: Nicole Bartels

A member of Congress is personally in favor of a bill, but votes against it after learning that the bill is disliked by the majority of his or her constituency. This member of Congress is best described as engaging in what type of representation?

Please choose only one answer:

- Delegate
- Politico
- Emissary
- Trustee

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4.1.2. All of the following are characteristics of the modern presidency, ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

All of the following are characteristics of the modern presidency, EXCEPT:

Please choose only one answer:

- the ability to use more informal powers to promote his agenda.
- the "bureaucratization" of the Executive Branch.
- the increased number of bills that the president introduces to Congress.
- an increased role for the vice president in policy debates and issue areas.

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4.1.3. Although not a presidential power granted in the Constitution, in w...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Although not a presidential power granted in the Constitution, in what manner does the president involve himself in the legislative process?

Please choose only one answer:

- The president casts a vote in the Senate, but only when it is necessary to break a 50-50 tie in voting on a particular bill.
- The president uses the State of the Union to recommend legislation to Congress.
- The president can nominate members for the Supreme Court.
- The president is responsible for executing the laws created by Congress and interpreted by Federal courts.

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4.1.4. By what method does the U.S. Constitution mandate the president be ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

By what method does the U.S. Constitution mandate the president be elected?

Please choose only one answer:

- The majority party in Congress elects the president.
- The president is elected by U.S. popular vote.
- The president is elected by the Electoral College.
- The president is elected by a majority of the fifty states.

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4.1.5. Complete the following sentence. Everyday actions taken by the Exec...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Complete the following sentence. Everyday actions taken by the Executive Branch are most often the result of:

Please choose only one answer:

- decisions made by staffers in the Executive Office of the president.
- the president's consultation with the vice president.
- decisions made by the president after careful consideration.
- Input from members of the president's cabinet.

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4.1.6. Complete the following sentence. In Marbury v. Madison, Chief Justi...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Complete the following sentence. In Marbury v. Madison, Chief Justice John Marshall established:

Please choose only one answer:

- the Supreme Court's inability to check the executive branch.
- the Supreme Court's power to refuse to hear cases.
- the Supreme Court's power to declare acts of federal laws unconstitutional.
- the Supreme Court's power to issue writs of mandamus.

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4.1.7. Complete the following sentence. The federal bureaucracy is mostly ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Complete the following sentence. The federal bureaucracy is mostly staffed by:

Please choose only one answer:

- political appointees and business people.
- academics and career civil servants.
- academics and business people.
- political appointees and career civil servants.

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4.1.8. Each of the following is a major difference between Senate and Hous...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Each of the following is a major difference between Senate and House committees, EXCEPT:

Please choose only one answer:

- Senate committees can attach unlimited amendments to a bill, whereas House committees can only attach amendments related to the respective bill.
- House and Senate members both serve on several committees.
- The House utilizes a rules committee for each proposed bill, while the Senate does not have convene a rules committee.
- House committee members are comprised only of majority-party members, whereas Senate committees are equally represented by both parties.

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4.1.9. How did the Pendleton Act reform the federal bureaucracy?

Author: Nicole Bartels

How did the Pendleton Act reform the federal bureaucracy?

Please choose only one answer:

- It gradually cut the federal bureaucracy by limiting the bureaucracy's budget.
- It prevented money from corrupting the bureaucracy.
- It completely shielded the bureaucracy from party politics.
- It sorted the bureaucracy into merit and patronage-based positions.

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4.1.10. How has the modern media served to increase the powers of the presi...

Author: Nicole Bartels

How has the modern media served to increase the powers of the presidency?

Please choose only one answer:

- By shielding the president from national criticism
- By enhancing the president's ability to set legislative agendas and control public debates
- By focusing on policy details rather than focusing on personal narratives about the president
- By preventing the opposite party from criticizing the president

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4.1.11. If a Democratic president nominates a Supreme Court Justice early i...

Author: Nicole Bartels

If a Democratic president nominates a Supreme Court Justice early in his presidential term, what is the most likely scenario?

Please choose only one answer:

- The president is likely to nominate a more politically controversial candidate.
- A Republican Senate is likely to stall the confirmation process until the next presidential election.
- The president is likely to nominate a less politically controversial candidate.
- The president is likely to nominate a Republican candidate in the hopes of building bipartisanship early in his presidential term.

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4.1.12. If there is no incumbent in a predominately Republican Congressiona...

Author: Nicole Bartels

If there is no incumbent in a predominately Republican Congressional district leading up to an election, which is the most likely result?

Please choose only one answer:

- A strongly contested Republican primary and a weakly contested or non-existent Democratic primary
- An unchallenged Republican primary candidate, hand-selected by party elites
- An Independent candidate with an unusually high probability of being elected
- A well-financed Democratic candidate with an unusually high probability of being elected

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4.1.13. In contrast to District Courts, Appellate Courts focus exclusively ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

In contrast to District Courts, Appellate Courts focus exclusively on which of the following?

Please choose only one answer:

- Cases involving political questions
- Questions surrounding cruel and unusual punishment
- Decisions from district courts
- Civil, not criminal cases

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4.1.14. Of the following, what is the LEAST LIKELY reason that a member of ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Of the following, what is the LEAST LIKELY reason that a member of Congress votes in favor of a bill?

Please choose only one answer:

- The bill is popular amongst the congressperson's home constituency.
- The bill is favored by a president of the same party as the congressperson.
- The bill is favored by the congressperson's political party.
- The bill is found to be popular in national public opinion polls.

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4.1.15. The constitution empowers the President to all of the following, EX...

Author: Nicole Bartels

The constitution empowers the President to all of the following, EXCEPT:

Please choose only one answer:

- vetoing legislation passed by both houses of Congress.
- granting pardons for any and all offenses against the United States.
- declaring wars against other nations.
- acting as the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces and state militias.

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4.1.16. The Constitution mandates that the Supreme Court has original juris...

Author: Nicole Bartels

The Constitution mandates that the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in all of the following types of cases, EXCEPT:

Please choose only one answer:

- cases between two states.
- cases that involve the possibility of a death sentence.
- cases that involve foreign ambassadors.
- cases between a state and a foreign country.

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4.1.17. The Constitution specifically gives Congress the power to do all of...

Author: Nicole Bartels

The Constitution specifically gives Congress the power to do all of the following, EXCEPT:

Please choose only one answer:

- establish post offices.
- pardon violators of U.S. laws.
- regulate commerce between states.
- create new states.

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4.1.18. What does it mean that the U.S. Congress is empowered with legislat...

Author: Nicole Bartels

What does it mean that the U.S. Congress is empowered with legislative authority?

Please choose only one answer:

- Congress has the authority to execute and enforce existing laws.
- Congress interprets existing laws for the executive branch to enforce.
- Congress is empowered to create and implement laws.
- Congress checks the power of the other branches of government.

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4.1.19. What is the role of a conference committee in the Congress?

Author: Nicole Bartels

What is the role of a conference committee in the Congress?

Please choose only one answer:

- It is a committee that reviews foreign policy legislation.
- It is a committee that reconciles differences between Senate and House versions of a bill.
- It is a committee intended to promote bipartisanship in the House and Senate.
- It is a committee of House and Senate members that sign joint resolutions made by Congress.

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4.1.20. What justification must the Supreme Court make when deciding NOT to...

Author: Nicole Bartels

What justification must the Supreme Court make when deciding NOT to hear a particular case?

Please choose only one answer:

- The Supreme Court does not have to provide a justification.
- The Supreme Court notifies both parties in the case to explain their reasons for not hearing a case.
- The Supreme Court must hear all cases that are brought to it.
- The Supreme Court must offer a summary opinion to the media on their reasons for refusing to hear a case.

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4.1.21. What was the main problem with the "spoils system" in the early years of federal bureaucracy?

Author: Nicole Bartels

What was the main problem with the "spoils system" in the early years of federal bureaucracy?

Please choose only one answer:

- It led to party favoritism.
- It led to corruption and inefficiency.
- It impeded the checks and balances system.
- It favored the Republican Party.

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4.1.22. Which characteristic of the House of Representatives was NOT intent...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which characteristic of the House of Representatives was NOT intentionally designed to make it more "democratic," in comparison to the Senate?

Please choose only one answer:

- Representatives are elected for two-year terms in comparison to six-year terms for Senators.
- The national census determines the number of Representatives for each state, while each state always sends two members to the Senate.
- A Representative is elected by his or her local district, while Senators are elected by the electorate of an entire state.
- The House of Representatives is hierarchically organized, whereas the power structure in the Senate is more dispersed.

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4.1.23. Which of the following is NOT a defining feature of the two-party p...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following is NOT a defining feature of the two-party political organization in Congress?

Please choose only one answer:

- Congressional party discipline generally increases during election years.
- The media tends to focus more on party dynamics in Congress, rather than policy details.
- Republicans and Democrats are the two most influential Congressional caucuses.
- Congressional members often switch parties in order to gain power for themselves and political "pork" for their constituencies.

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4.1.24. Which of the following is NOT a reason why the Speaker of the House...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following is NOT a reason why the Speaker of the House is more powerful than the Majority Leader in the Senate?

Please choose only one answer:

- Unlike the Majority Leader, the Speaker can block almost any bill from coming to a vote by influencing the rules committee.
- The Speaker of the House is the leader of the House of Representatives, while the true leadership in the Senate is divided between the Majority Leader and the Vice President of the United States.
- The Speaker assigns members to committees in the House, whereas the Majority Leader confers with the Minority Leader for such appointments in the Senate.
- Senate rules usually require bipartisan support to pass a bill, whereas House rules do not require bipartisan support to pass a bill.

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4.1.25. Which of the following is NOT a way by which the other two branches...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following is NOT a way by which the other two branches of the U.S. Government "check" the power of the Executive Branch?

Please choose only one answer:

- Congress has the power to impeach the president.
- Congress has the power to override a president's veto.
- The Supreme Court has the authority to rule on the constitutionality of Executive Orders.
- The Supreme Court has the authority to block presidential nominations of U.S. Ambassadors.

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4.1.26. Which of the following is NOT an example of checks on the power of ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following is NOT an example of checks on the power of the judicial branch of the federal government?

Please choose only one answer:

- Federal judges are nominated by the president.
- Federal judges can be impeached by the Congress.
- Federal judges must be confirmed by the Senate.
- Federal judges must stand for reelection every eight years.

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4.1.27. Which of the following was a major difference between the Articles ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following was a major difference between the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution in terms of the judicial system?

Please choose only one answer:

- The Articles of Confederation did not recognize states as having powers of self-governance.
- The Articles of Confederation made the judiciary part of the executive branch of the federal government.
- The Constitution reduced the power of the federal judiciary.
- The Constitution established a separate judicial branch of the federal government.

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4.1.28. Why is it unconstitutional for the U.S. Senate to propose a new nat...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Why is it unconstitutional for the U.S. Senate to propose a new national sales tax bill?

Please choose only one answer:

- The Constitution specifically reserves the power of taxation for the states.
- The Senate is only empowered to accept, reject, or amend taxing or spending bills.
- A national tax is specifically prohibited in the Constitution.
- Only the U.S. President can propose a national tax.

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