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Civics and Economics SOL SNAPSHOT #10

Principles and Structure of American Constitutional Government
Rights and Responsibilities of American Citizenship

Political Processes

Economic Principles and Systems/
U.S. Economy/Role of Govt. in the Economy

ROW 1	<p>1. How did the authors of the Constitution prevent any one branch from abusing its power?</p> <p>a. by having three levels of government: national, state, local b. by separation of powers and checks and balances c. by having courts/judges d. by having a president and not a king</p>	<p>2. Which of the following shows respect for the rights of others to an equal voice in government?</p> <p>a. voting b. joining a political party c. quietly listening to speakers with opposing views d. writing letters to the editor of a newspaper</p>	<p>3. The effort to change laws that affect how candidates pay for their campaign is known as—</p> <p>a. campaign donations. b. campaign advertising. c. campaign finance reform. d. campaign elections reform.</p>	<p>4. I really just don't get it. If the U.S. is primarily a market economy, how come it is characterized as a mixed economy?</p> <p>Well, Rashaad, it's because there is—</p> <p>a. gold in the treasury. b. some government involvement in the economy. c. no government involvement. d. an historic precedent for it.</p> 						
ROW 2	<p>1. The person wearing this button has fulfilled a civic—</p>  <p>a. registration. b. responsibility. c. duty. d. demonstration.</p>	<p>2. Where are the powers of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the national government defined in the Constitution?</p> <p>a. The Preamble b. The Bill of Rights c. The 14th Amendment d. Articles I, II, and III</p>	<p>3. The development of political action committees (PACs) has come about because of—</p> <p>a. the shortage of oil and high cost of gasoline. b. the fear of terrorism. c. rising campaign costs. d. the influence of political cartoons.</p>	<p>4. The U.S. Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markets: generally no <i>undue</i> government interference • Private property—real or personal—is owned by individuals and businesses <p>Another characteristic of the U.S. economy is—</p> <p>a. central ownership. b. decisions based on custom. c. competition. d. no consumer choices.</p>						
ROW 3	<p>1. The method by which each one of the three branches of government is able to limit the power of the other two branches is known as the system of _____.</p> <p>a. diversity b. equal representation c. checks and balances d. equal opportunity</p>	<p>2. <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; text-align: center;"> <tr><th colspan="2">Legislative Checks on the—</th></tr> <tr><td>Executive Branch</td><td>Judicial Branch</td></tr> <tr><td>A</td><td>B</td></tr> </table></p> <p>Which of the following belongs in Box A?</p> <p>a. can override vetoes and impeach a President b. can appoint federal judges c. can veto acts of Congress d. can impeach federal judges</p>	Legislative Checks on the—		Executive Branch	Judicial Branch	A	B	<p>3. Which of the following must a citizen do before voting?</p>  <p>a. pay a poll tax b. register to vote c. say the Pledge of Allegiance d. pass a literacy test</p>	<p>4. Check all the characteristics that also belong on the U.S. Economy chart above.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. Individuals and businesses own the means of production <input type="checkbox"/> b. Profit motive <input type="checkbox"/> c. Centrally-planned <input type="checkbox"/> d. Prices are determined by supply and demand <input type="checkbox"/> e. Consumer sovereignty <input type="checkbox"/> f. Historic precedence</p>
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ROW 1	<p>1. ¹The word ordinance is another name for a— a. bill. c. tariff. b. local law. d. tax.</p> <p>²The word jurisdiction refers to— a. the power and authority of a court to apply the law. b. all the legislators in a state. c. the chairman, or speaker, for the members of a jury. d. local school districts.</p>	<p>2. Working independently to complete assignments in school is an example of which character trait of a good citizen? a. honesty b. patriotism c. self-reliance d. accountability</p>	<p>3. Participation in primary and general elections is open only to voters who have— a. joined a political party. b. registered to vote. c. made a reasoned choice. d. made a campaign contribution.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p>4. Thomas must decide how to best use his time. He is on a soccer team that has a game scheduled at a time he needs to work on a school project. He's identified his problem, so what is his next step? a. ask Mom and Dad what to do b. let Coach decide c. have the game postponed d. weigh the costs/benefits of doing each activity</p>						
ROW 2	<p>1. Authority of local governments in Virginia comes from— a. the national government. b. Congress. c. the state. d. the mayor.</p>	<p>2. Match the unit of local government to the group of officials responsible for making local ordinances and adopting an annual budget.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. Board of Supervisors</td> <td style="width: 50%;">4. Board of Superintendents</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Town Council</td> <td>5. Town Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. City Hall</td> <td>6. City Council</td> </tr> </table> <p>___ a. county ___ b. town ___ c. city</p>	1. Board of Supervisors	4. Board of Superintendents	2. Town Council	5. Town Meeting	3. City Hall	6. City Council	<p>3. The major role of political parties is to— a. nominate candidates and conduct campaigns. b. monitor elections to make sure they are held honestly. c. make sure that only party members vote. d. select the President and Vice President.</p>	<p>4. Which of the following needs to be taken off the chart?</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Government Agencies That Regulate Business</p> <p>a. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) b. National Rifle Association (NRA) c. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) d. Federal Trade Commission (FTC)</p> </div>
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ROW 3	<p>1. Government agencies with the job of regulating business are a part of the— a. political spectrum. b. two-party political process. c. electoral college. d. bureaucracy.</p>	<p>2. Use a, b, c, or d to fill in the blanks below. ¹The mayor of a Virginia city is elected by the _____. ²The mayor of a Virginia town is elected by the _____. a. county electorate b. town's voters or members of the Town Council c. state electorate d. city's voters or members of the City Council</p>	<p>3. Which of the following is a way political parties might use mass media to help educate the electorate about campaign issues? a. a mass mailing of fliers b. putting up campaign fliers along the roads c. making personal telephone calls asking for support d. writing a biography of the candidate for a magazine</p>	<p>4. Certain goods and services are provided by the government to— a. only a few citizens for a limited period of time. b. just those states that pay for them. c. many people all at the same time (simultaneously). d. just those counties, towns, or cities that pay for them.</p>						
ROW 4	<p>1. How are the governments in Virginia's cities, towns, and counties the same? a. Each unit has a City Council. b. Each unit of local government adopts an annual budget. c. Each unit of local government appoints its officials. d. Each unit elects a mayor.</p>	<p>2. Which unit of local government does NOT have an elected or appointed School Board? a. county b. town c. city d. municipality</p>	<p>3.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: small;">And a final note: Management denies there is any truth that our news is slanted.</p> </div> <p>The cartoon is making fun of— a. media propaganda. b. facts and opinions. c. media bias. d. exaggeration.</p>	<p>4. Match each agency to the role it plays in regulating business & promoting competition.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>1. FCC (Federal Communications Commission) 2. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) 3. FTC (Federal Trade Commission)</p> </div> <p>___ a. protects consumers against scams, fraud, monopolies ___ b. regulates radio, television, satellite, cable, wire ___ c. protects against pollution</p>						