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**TEST YOURSELF ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF
THE CONSTITUTION AND THE SUPREME COURT**

How much do you know about the Constitution and the Supreme Court? Following are 60 questions, the answers to which provide key information about the United States.

Test your knowledge of the Constitution and the Supreme Court. The correct answers are set forth on the pages following the questions.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the supreme law of the United States?

A. _____

2. In what city was the Constitutional Convention that produced the Constitution?

A. _____

3. Who was the Presiding Officer of that Constitutional Convention?

A. _____

4. Who was the oldest delegate attending the Constitutional Convention?

A. _____

5. In what year was the Constitution signed and proposed to the States?

A. _____

6. Who is generally called the father of the Constitution?

A. _____

7. What was fixed as the minimum number of states required to ratify the Constitution before it was adopted as the country's Constitution?

A. _____

8. Which State was the first to ratify the Constitution?

A. _____

9. The first three words of the Constitution declare by whom the Constitution was established, and it is other than the delegates attending the Convention. What are those three words?

A. _____

10. How many branches of government are established by the Constitution and what are they?

A. _____

11. Which branch of government enforces laws?

A. _____

12. Which branch of government makes the laws?

A. _____

13. Which branch of government interprets laws and decides if a law is allowed under the Constitution?

A. _____

14. What is the length of term to which a member of the House of Representatives is elected?

A. _____

15. What is the length of term to which a U.S. Senator is elected?

A. _____

16. When Congress votes for a law with which the President disagrees, what power does the President exercise to prevent it from becoming enacted?

A. _____

17. Is the candidate who receives more votes on election day necessarily elected as President?

A. _____

18. To whom does the Constitution give the power to declare war?

A. _____

19. How can our Constitution be changed?

A. _____

20. What name is given to the first ten amendments to the Constitution?

A. _____

21. Which amendment protects every person's right to freedom of speech, press, religion, and peaceable assembly?

A. _____

22. Which amendment protects a person from being forced to testify against himself?

A. _____

23. Which amendment protects against government use of cruel and unusual punishment?

A. _____

24. Which amendment guarantees each person's right to keep and bear arms?

A. _____

25. Which amendment guarantees a criminal defendant's right to be informed of the charges, to have a speedy trial, to be tried before an impartial jury, to be represented by an attorney, and to confront witnesses against him/her?

A. _____

26. Which Amendment protects against illegal searches and seizures?

A. _____

27. Which Amendment ended and prohibited slavery?

A. _____

28. Which Amendment gave women the right to vote?

A. _____

29. Which Amendment authorized the first income tax to be imposed by our federal government?

A. _____

30. Which President, after serving two terms, declined appeals to continue to serve beyond two terms?

A. _____

31. Who was the sole President to serve more than two terms, and how many terms did he serve?

A. _____

32. Who becomes President if both the President and Vice-President were unable to serve?

A. _____

33. Who is the Presiding Officer of the Senate?

A. _____

34. How many U.S. Senators?

A. _____

35. How many Congresspersons are in the House of Representatives?

A. _____

36. What are the three cities that have served as capital of this country under our Constitution?

A. _____

37. How many electors are in the Electoral College that chooses the President after an election?

A. _____

38. Who was the only President who resigned?

A. _____

39. Who were the only two Presidents who were impeached, but not convicted?

A. _____

40. How many Justices on the Supreme Court?

A. _____

41. Who was the first African American to serve on the Supreme Court?

A. _____

42. Who was the first person of Catholic faith to serve on the Supreme Court?

A. _____

43. Who was the first person of Jewish faith to serve on the Supreme Court?

A. _____

44. Who was the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court?

A. _____

45. Who was the first Hispanic to serve on the Supreme Court?

A. _____

46. The name of the African-American justice currently serving on the Supreme Court?

A. _____

47. Name the women justices currently serving on the Supreme Court.

A. _____

48. Who is the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

A. _____

49. Who was the only Supreme Court Justice to be a member of the National Football League Hall of Fame?

A. _____

50. Can a person without either a college or law school degree serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court?

A. _____

51. The length of term to which a Supreme Court Justice is appointed and can sit?

A. _____

52. What is the sole requirement for a Supreme Court Justice to remain in office?

A. _____

53. The Supreme Court decision in *Marbury v. Madison* (1803) confirmed what right of the Court over acts of Congress?

A. _____

54. The Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) enunciated what right relevant to school attendance?

A. _____

55. The Supreme Court decision in *Miranda v. Arizona* (1963) enunciated what right relevant to criminal defendants?

A. _____

56. Is it constitutional to make it a crime to burn the U.S. flag?

A. _____

57. The Supreme Court decision in *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963) enunciated what right relevant to criminal defendants?

A. _____

58. The Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) declared unconstitutional what criminal prohibition, that had been in statutes since the beginning of our country?

A. _____

59. Did the Supreme Court uphold or strike down a state statute that was applied to prohibit distribution of a book that the State's highest court had held to be obscene and that the majority in the U.S. Supreme Court described as "possess[ing] the requisite prurient appeal and patently offensive"?

A. _____

60. Did the Supreme Court uphold a city's right to take property from one private owner in order to provide it to another private person for profit-making development?

A. _____

