**English Orals**

**The Constitution and Bill of Rights**

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| **Round 1**  **Questions 1- 51 Wednesday, March 1 (3rd and 4th periods)**  **Questions 1-51 Thursday, March 2 (7th and 8th periods)** |
| **Round 2**  **Questions 52-100 Thursday, March 9 (3rd and 4th Periods)**  **Questions 52-100 Friday, March 10 (7th and 8th Periods)** |

* You will be evaluated by:

Knowledge and Accuracy of Content

Whether you dress up (dress pants, skirt, etc.)

Confidence when answering questions (you will answer 2)

Clarity of explanation

* You will answer two questions that are randomly drawn from a hat for each round

**General**

1. With which words does the Constitution begin (the first three)?
2. What is the supreme law of the land?
3. When was the Constitution written?
4. The branch of government which makes the laws is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. The branch of government which enforces the laws is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. The branch of government which interprets the laws is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Identify powers that strictly belong to the federal government.
8. Identify powers that strictly belong to state governments.
9. All Federal and State Officers must swear to…..
10. The number of Presidential Electors a state gets is the same number as….
11. The Constitution guarantees each state a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. When did the Constitution become the law of the land (when was it ratified)?
13. Which branch has the right to admit new states to the union?
14. Powers not given to the federal government by the Constitution and not forbidden to states are reserved for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
15. If the President or Vice President cannot serve in the office of the President, who will fill that office?
16. The federal government can punish a state government by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
17. Under what conditions can a person be accused of treason in the United States?
18. No person holding a political office in the US will have to pass a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ test.
19. No person’s house or property may be searched without a \_\_\_\_\_\_.
20. Which branch is in charge of printing or coining money?
21. Who declares war?
22. Who is the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces?
23. The power of the government to take private property for public use and the owner’s right to be paid for it, is the right of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
24. Who makes treaties?
25. Who approves treaties?
26. Who controls interstate commerce?
27. Who creates post offices and builds roads?
28. Who controls territories of the US?
29. Who creates and maintains the federal militia?
30. Who grants reprieves and pardons?
31. Who approves of new states?

**Executive Branch**

1. Who is the President of the US now?
2. Who is the Vice President of the US now?
3. What vote is necessary to elect a President in the Electoral College?
4. Who elects the President if there is not majority in the Electoral College?
5. How is the number of electoral votes in the Electoral College determined for each state?
6. Which office is the major department head who is appointed by the President to deal with foreign countries?
7. If a President is impeached, who presides over the trial?
8. Judges of the Supreme Court are nominated by……
9. The President must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ year old to run for office.
10. How is a President elected?
11. If candidates for President do not have the majority of votes, who elects the President?
12. The longest time a person can possibly serve as President is…..Which amendment clarified this?
13. In order to be President, a person must have lived in the US for at least \_\_\_\_\_ years.
14. A President may make a treaty with another country provided he gets agreement from \_\_\_\_\_ (fraction) of Senators present.
15. After a bill is sent to the President, it becomes a law if it has not been sent back within \_\_\_\_\_\_ day
16. How many terms can a President serve?
17. When does a Presidential term end?

**Legislative Branch**

1. What are the two parts of the US Congress?
2. 1/3 of Senators are elected every \_\_\_\_\_ years.
3. How is the number of representatives a state has in the House of Representatives determined?
4. How long does a US Representative serve?
5. A member of the House of Representatives must beat least\_\_\_\_\_ years old to run for office.
6. Congress must meet at least \_\_\_\_\_\_ every year.
7. Which kind of tax does the Constitution forbid Congress to incur?
8. What is the length of time a member of the House of Representatives can serve?
9. Who makes laws?
10. How long must a member of the House of Representatives have been a citizen to hold his or her office?
11. The Speaker of the House is chosen by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. Who is the current Speaker of the House?
13. Who elects Senators?
14. How long can a Senator serve in office?
15. Members of the Senate must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
16. What are the residency requirements for membership in the Senate?
17. Who is the President of the Senate?
18. What does Congress forbid states to do?
19. Which branch of Congress (House or Senate) impeaches?
20. Which branch of Congress (House or Senate) tries all impeachments?
21. An impeached person is found guilty by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ (fraction) of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ present.
22. Tax bills may only be signed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
23. How many votes are needed to expel a member of the House or Senate (fraction)?
24. Congress can pass laws over a Presidential veto if both houses have which fraction of the vote?
25. How many senators does each state have?
26. What determines the number of House members a given state has?
27. Congress can make no law setting up what?
28. The clause (sometimes called the “necessary and proper clause”) which expands the powers of Congress, is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Judicial Branch**

1. What is the highest court in the United States
2. What does the Judicial Branch consist of?
3. Who appoints Supreme Court and all other federal judges?
4. Name three current Supreme Court Justices
5. A man accused of a crime in court has a right to what?
6. The Supreme Court has 1 Chief Justice and \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Justices
7. Questions about interpreting the Constitution are settled by (which branch of government)?
8. The Constitution guarantees anyone accused of committing a crime the right to a \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. The courts may not elect to take away a person’s life without \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. What is the term of service for a member of the Supreme Court?

**Bill of Rights and Other Amendments**

1. The Bill of Rights includes the first \_\_\_\_\_ amendments.
2. How many (total) amendments are there?
3. The 19th Amendment protects the voting rights of whom?
4. The right of all citizens to vote regardless of their race is guaranteed by the \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment.
5. What must happen for an amendment to become part of the Constitution?
6. And beyond…Know all of the first ten amendments and the right(s) they promise.
7. Which Constitutional Amendment abolished slavery?
8. Which group received the right to vote as a result of the 15th Amendment?
9. Which group received the right to vote as a result of the 19th Amendment?
10. Which group received the right to vote as a result of the 26th Amendment?

**Utah**

1. Who is the Governor of Utah (presently)?
2. Name the US Representatives in the federal congress from Utah.
3. Who are the two US Senators representing Utah?
4. Identify one issue that the Utah State Legislature is dealing with during this/the current legislative session