

100 Civics Questions for the Naturalization Test

There are 100 civics questions on the naturalization test. During the naturalization interview, applicants will be asked up to 10 questions from the list of 100 questions in English. You must answer correctly 6 of the 10 questions to pass the civics test in English.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
Constitution
2. What does the Constitution do?
Sets up the government
Defines the government
Protects basic rights of Americans
3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
We the People
4. What is an amendment?
Change (to the *Constitution*)
Addition (to the *Constitution*)
5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the *Constitution*?
"Bill of Rights"
6. What is one right or freedom from the "First Amendment"?
Speech
Religion
Assembly
Press
Petition the government
7. How many amendments does the *Constitution* have?
Twenty-seven
8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?
Announced our independence (from Great Britain)
Declared our independence (from Great Britain)
Said that the United States is free (from Great Britain)
9. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?
Life
Liberty
Pursuit of happiness
10. What is freedom of religion?
You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion.
11. What is the economic system in the United States?
Capitalist economy
Market economy
12. What is the "rule of law"?
Everyone must follow the law
Leaders must obey the law
Government must obey the law
No one is above the law
13. Name one branch or part of the government.
Congress
Legislative
President
Executive
Courts
Judicial
14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
Checks and balances
Separation of powers
15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
President
16. Who makes federal laws?
Congress
Senate and House of Representatives
U.S. or national legislature

17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?
Senate and House of Representatives
18. How many U.S. Senators are there?
100
19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?
Six
20. Who is one of your state's U.S. Senators now?
James Inhofe
James Lankford
21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
435
22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
Two
23. Name your U.S. Representative.
Kevin Hern (District 1: Tulsa area)
Markwayne Mullin (District 2: Northeast)
Frank Lucas (District 3: Northwest)
Tom Cole District 4: (Southwest)
Stephanie Bice (District 5: Oklahoma City area)
24. Whom does a U.S. Senator represent?
All people of the state
25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?
(Because of the state's) population
(Because) they have more people
(Because) some states have more people
26. We elect a President to serve a term of how many years?
Four
27. In what month do we vote for President?
November
28. What is the name of the President of the United States now?
Joe Biden
29. What is the name of the Vice-president of the United States now?
Kamala Harris
30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
Vice-president
31. If both the President and the Vice-president can no longer serve, what is the title of the person who becomes President?
Speaker of the House
32. What is the title of the person who is the Commander in Chief of the military?
President
33. What is the title of the person who signs bills to become laws?
President
34. What is the title of the person who vetoes bills?
President
35. What does the President's Cabinet do?
Advises the President

36. What are two Cabinet-level positions?
- Attorney General
 - Vice-president
 - Secretary of Agriculture
 - Secretary of Commerce
 - Secretary of Defense
 - Secretary of Education
 - Secretary of Energy
 - Secretary of Health and Human Services
 - Secretary of the Interior
 - Secretary of Labor
 - Secretary of State
 - Secretary of Transportation
 - Secretary of the Treasury
 - Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 - Secretary of Homeland Security
 - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
37. What does the judicial branch do?
- Reviews laws
 - Explains laws
 - Resolves disputes (disagreements)
 - Decides if a law goes against the Constitution
38. What is the highest court in the United States?
- Supreme Court
39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
- Nine
40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?
- John Roberts
41. Under our *Constitution*, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
- To print money
 - To declare war
 - To create an army
 - To make treaties
42. Under our *Constitution*, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?
- Provide schooling and education
 - Provide protection (police)
 - Provide safety (fire departments)
 - Give a driver's license
 - Approve zoning and land use
43. Who is the Governor of your state now?
- Kevin Stitt
44. What is the capital of your state?
- Oklahoma City
45. What are the two major political parties in the United States?
- Democratic and Republican
46. What is the political party of the President now?
- Democratic
47. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now?
- Nancy Pelosi
48. There are four amendments to the *Constitution* about who can vote. Describe one of them.
- Citizens 18 and older (can vote.)
 - You don't have to pay (a poll tax) to vote.
 - Any citizen can vote. (Women and men can vote.)
 - A male citizen of any race (can vote.)
49. What is one responsibility that is reserved only for United States citizens?
- Serve on a jury
 - Vote in a federal election
50. Name one right that only U.S. citizen has.
- Vote in a federal election
 - Run for federal office

51. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?
 - Freedom of expression
 - Freedom of speech
 - Freedom of assembly
 - Freedom to petition the government
 - Freedom of religion
 - Right to bear arms
52. What do we show loyalty to when we say the “Pledge of Allegiance”?
 - United States
 - Flag
53. What is one promise you make when you become a United States citizen?
 - Give up loyalty to other countries
 - Defend the *Constitution* and laws of the United States
 - Obey the laws of the United States
 - Serve in the U.S. military (if needed)
 - Serve (do important work for) the nation (if needed)
 - Be loyal to the United States
54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?
 - 18 and older
55. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?
 - Vote
 - Join a political party
 - Help with a campaign
 - Join a civic group
 - Join a community group
 - Give an elected official your opinion on an issue
 - Call Senators and Representatives
 - Publicly support or oppose an issue or policy
 - Run for office
 - Write to a newspaper
56. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?
 - April 15
57. When must all men register for the Selective Service?
 - At age 18
 - Between 18 and 26

AMERICAN HISTORY

58. What is one reason colonists came to America?
 - Freedom
 - Political liberty
 - Religious freedom
 - Economic opportunity
 - Practice their religion
 - Escape persecution
59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
 - American Indians
 - Native Americans
60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves?
 - Africans
 - people from Africa
61. Why did the colonists fight the British?
 - Because of high taxes (taxation without representation)
 - Because the British army stayed in their houses (boarding, quartering)
 - Because they didn't have self-government
62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
 - Thomas Jefferson
63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
 - July 4, 1776

64. There were thirteen original states. Name three.
- New Hampshire
 - Massachusetts
 - Rhode Island
 - Connecticut
 - New York
 - New Jersey
 - Pennsylvania
 - Delaware
 - Maryland
 - Virginia
 - North Carolina
 - South Carolina
 - Georgia
65. What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
- The *Constitution* was written.
 - The Founding Fathers wrote the *Constitution*.
66. When was the *Constitution* written?
- 1787
67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the *U.S. Constitution*. Name one of the writers.
- James Madison
 - Alexander Hamilton
 - John Jay
 - Publius [pseudonym used by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison]
68. What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
- U.S. diplomat
 - Oldest member of the Constitutional Convention
 - First Postmaster General of the United States
 - Writer of *Poor Richard's Almanac*
 - Started the first free libraries
69. Who is the "Father of Our Country"?
- George Washington
70. Who was the first President?
- George Washington
71. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?
- Louisiana (Territory)
72. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.
- War of 1812 [1812-1814]
 - Mexican-American War [1846-1848]
 - Civil War [1861-1865]
 - Spanish-American War [1898]
73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South.
- Civil War
 - War between the States
74. Name one problem that led to the Civil War.
- Slavery
 - Economic reasons
 - States' rights
75. What was one important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?
- Freed the slaves (*Emancipation Proclamation*)
 - Saved (or preserved) the Union
 - Led the United States during the Civil War
76. What did the *Emancipation Proclamation* do?
- Freed the slaves
 - Freed slaves in the Confederacy
 - Freed slaves in the Confederate states
 - Freed slaves in most Southern states
77. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
- Fought for women's rights
 - Fought for civil rights

78. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.
 World War I [1914-1918]
 World War II [1939-1945]
 Korean War [1951-1953]
 Vietnam War [1955-1975 (U.S. involvement ended in 1973)]
 (Persian) Gulf War [1991]
79. Who was President during World War I?
 Woodrow Wilson
80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II?
 Franklin Roosevelt
81. What countries did the United States fight in World War II?
 Japan, Germany, and Italy
82. Before he was President, Dwight Eisenhower was a general in what war?
 World War II
83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?
 Communism
84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination?
 Civil rights (movement)
85. What did Martin Luther King, Jr., do?
 Fought for civil rights
 Worked for equality for all Americans
86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001, in the United States?
 Terrorists attacked the United States
87. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.
 Apache
 Arawak
 Blackfeet
 Cherokee
 Cheyenne
 Chippewa
 Choctaw
 Creek
 Crow
 Hopi
 Huron
 Inuit
 Iroquois
 Lakota
 Mohegan
 Navajo
 Oneida
 Pueblo
 Seminole
 Shawnee
 Sioux
 Teton

INTEGRATED CIVICS

88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
 Missouri
 Mississippi
89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States?
 Pacific Ocean
90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States?
 Atlantic Ocean
91. Name one U.S. territory.
 Puerto Rico
 U.S. Virgin Islands
 American Samoa
 Northern Mariana Islands
 Guam

92. Name one state that borders Canada.
- Maine
 - New Hampshire
 - Vermont
 - New York
 - Pennsylvania
 - Ohio
 - Michigan
 - Minnesota
 - North Dakota
 - Montana
 - Idaho
 - Washington
 - Alaska
93. Name one state that borders Mexico.
- California
 - Arizona
 - New Mexico
 - Texas
94. What is the capital of the United States?
- Washington, D.C
95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?
- New York (City or Harbor)
 - Liberty Island
96. Why does the flag have thirteen stripes?
- Because there were thirteen original colonies
 - Because the stripes represent the original colonies
97. Why does the flag have fifty stars?
- Because there is one star for each state
 - Because each star represents a state
 - Because there are fifty states
98. What is the name of the national anthem?
- “The Star-Spangled Banner”
99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?
- July 4
100. Name two national U.S. holidays.
- New Year’s Day
 - Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
 - Inauguration Day
 - Presidents’ Day
 - Memorial Day
 - Independence Day
 - Juneteenth
 - Labor Day
 - Columbus Day
 - Veterans Day
 - Thanksgiving
 - Christmas