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**Student Booklet**



- 1 The Council of the Mohawk shall be divided into three parties . . . The third party is to listen only to the discussion of the first and second parties, and if an error is made or the proceeding is irregular they are to call attention to it, and when the case is right and properly decided by the two parties they shall confirm the decision of the two parties and refer the case to the Seneca Lords for their decision.

*The Constitution of the Iroquois Nations*

Which principle of government found in the Iroquois Constitution influenced the framing of the U.S. Constitution?

- A popular sovereignty
- B unicameralism
- C separation of powers
- D federalism

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- 2 In contemplating the causes which may disturb our Union, it occurs as matter of serious concern that any ground should have been furnished for characterizing parties by Geographical discriminations, Northern and Southern, Atlantic and Western; whence designing men may endeavour to excite a belief that there is a real difference of local interests and views. One of the expedients of party to acquire influence within particular districts is to misrepresent the opinions and aims of other districts. You cannot shield yourselves too much against the jealousies and heart-burnings which spring from these misrepresentations; they tend to render alien to each other those who ought to be bound together by fraternal affection.

*George Washington's Farewell Address, 1796*

How did the country's leaders respond to George Washington's warnings against political parties?

- A His views that political parties were not mentioned in the U.S. Constitution slowed their growth for a century.
- B His views were largely ignored and political parties rose in prominence to dominate the political system.
- C His views on political parties created stalemates in the election process.
- D His views gained enough support to prevent the formation of viable third parties.



- 3 According to media reports, in 2002 President Bush signed a secret order authorizing the National Security Agency (NSA) to monitor overseas e-mails, telephone calls, and other communications originating within the United States of hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals without first obtaining warrants. The administration subsequently admitted that such warrantless surveillance was occurring and it dubbed it the Terrorist Surveillance Program.

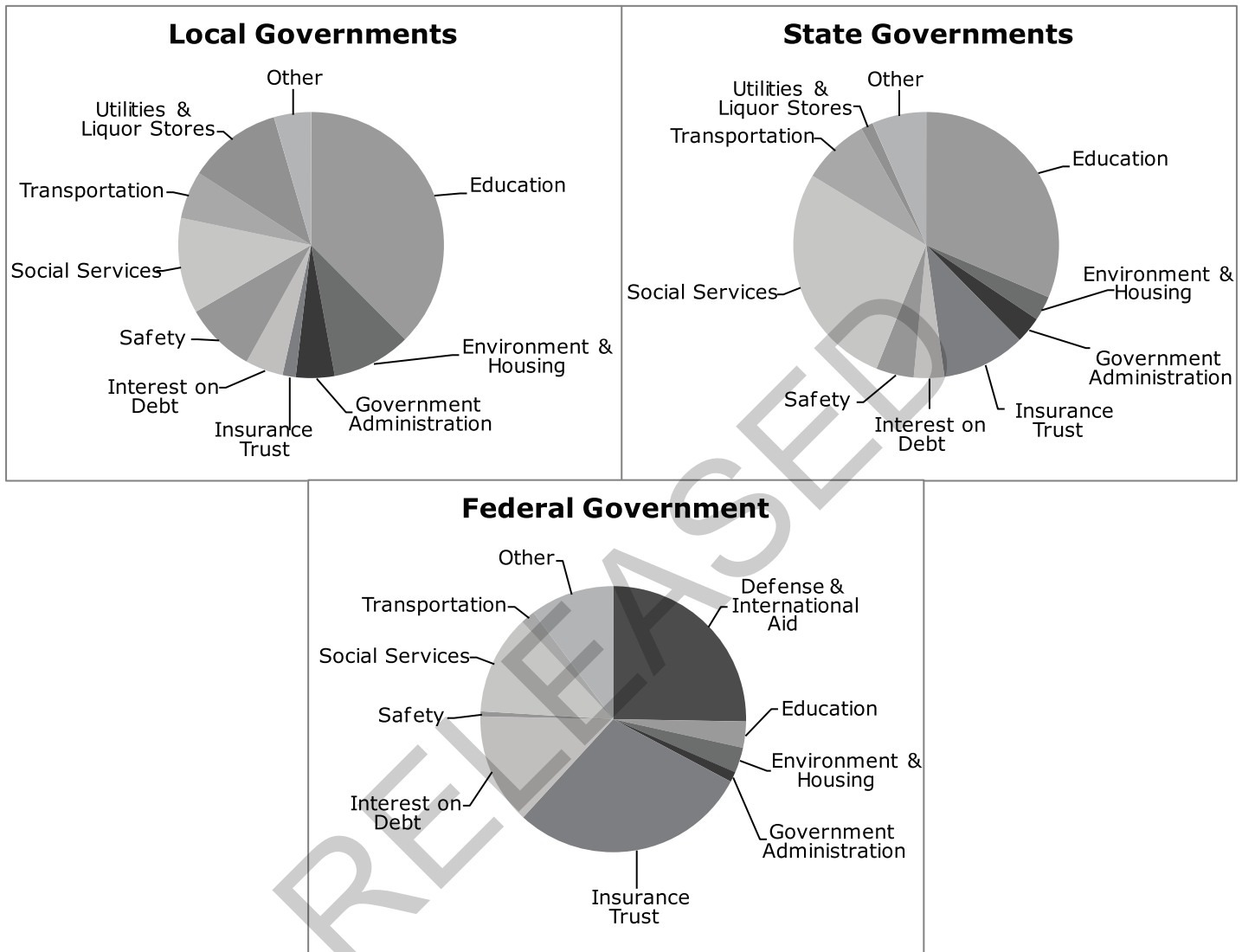
Gregory Nojeim, 2007

According to the excerpt, how did the U.S. government change its citizens' rights to privacy in response to the terrorist acts of 2001?

- A The federal government has full authority to monitor the previously private communications of all citizens.
- B State governments are now required to report electronic communications between citizens and foreign nationals.
- C Local governments must monitor all citizens' private cell phones.
- D Citizens' encrypted communications are reclassified as criminal violations of national security policy.



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Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1992

Which expenditure would be paid solely by the federal government as opposed to state or local governments?

- A a firing range on an army base
- B a new public school
- C a sidewalk repair in a major city
- D a community recreation center



- 5 Sheriffs' primary responsibility is to enforce laws at the local level. Who is responsible for enforcing laws at the state level?
- A members of the legislature
  - B district court judges
  - C the governor
  - D a magistrate
- 6 An individual has been accused of taking the property of another person. Why would a judge require substantial evidence before issuing a search warrant?
- A to prevent law enforcement officials from having to testify in court
  - B to guarantee an arrest by law enforcement officials
  - C to avoid self-incrimination by the suspect who took the property
  - D to ensure there was probable cause for conducting the investigation
- 7 How does the media in the United States generally influence legislation?
- A The media offers the most reliable sources of information available to lawmakers.
  - B The media reporting of news allows for more independent decision making by legislators.
  - C The media provides news coverage on topics that influence the public and lawmakers.
  - D The media sets the agenda for political party platforms, which influences voting.



- 8 No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment V of the U.S. Constitution

Based on this amendment, under which circumstance can the government detain a citizen without making formal charges?

- A when the accused is unable to post bail or secure a bond
- B if the accused is a member of the armed services during a war or national crisis
- C after the accused has given a sworn statement
- D if the accused is a known felon with a criminal record or history of similar crimes



- 9 We consider the underlying fallacy . . . If one race be inferior to the other socially, the Constitution of the United States cannot put them upon the same plane.

Justice Henry Brown, 1896

On consideration whereof it is ordered . . . decrees consistent with the opinions of this Court as are necessary and proper to admit to public schools on a racially nondiscriminatory basis with all deliberate speed the parties to this case.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, 1955

How did the ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* (1954) change perceptions of citizenship from the previous ruling in *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896)?

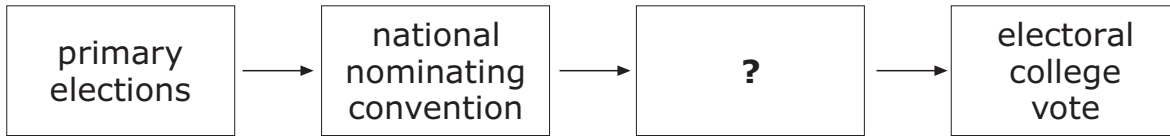
- A The double standard of segregation was replaced by a single standard for all citizens.
- B The residency requirements to become naturalized citizens decreased from fourteen to five years.
- C American Indian citizenship no longer required application and government approval.
- D Full citizenship for war deserters and felons was restored through amnesty.





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**The Presidential Election Process**



Which step in the presidential election process follows the national nominating convention and completes the flowchart?

- A presentation
  - B general election
  - C plank statement
  - D inaugural address
- 11 A man claims that he paid \$450 for a lawn mower he never received. In which court should he sue to collect his money, and who should he bring suit against?
- A small claims court, against the seller
  - B appeals court, against the manufacturer
  - C superior court, against the Federal Trade Commission
  - D tax court, against the Internal Revenue Service
- 12 Why do responsible consumers use credit or credit cards?
- A to make minor purchases without using cash
  - B to obtain the highest amount of points on a mortgage
  - C to avoid mortgage insurance when buying a home
  - D to establish a good credit score for getting a loan

13 **Consumer Purchase Options:**

- buy the purchase item by trading an item of equal value
- buy the purchase item using cash from a savings account
- buy the purchase item using cash from a checking account
- buy the purchase item through a credit card transaction

Given the different costs associated with each option above, which should a consumer consider before making a credit card purchase?

- A the length of product availability
- B the final cost of the product
- C the value of the producer's stock
- D the history of the producer's company

## 14 The National Do Not Call Registry, dietary supplement guidelines, and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act are examples of which type of protection?

- A business
- B consumer
- C foreclosure
- D whistle-blower

15 How would a retailer in a market economy **most likely** react to high demand from consumers for a scarce product?

- A by increasing the price of the product
- B by decreasing the supply of the product
- C by stopping sale of the product
- D by asking for government regulation of the product



16 Markets, Actors, and Behaviors:

Monopoly	Oligopoly
producers	sellers
unfair business practices	?

Just as producers in a monopolistic market situation may resort to unfair business practices to limit competition, what behavior are sellers in an oligopolistic market situation likely to use?

- A price fixing to increase profits
  - B investing to improve entrepreneurship
  - C selling private lands to public entities
  - D increasing income taxes for individuals
- 17 Which is **most likely** the result in a market economy if an industry increases investment in the training of workers?
- A decline in revenue
  - B decline in federal regulation
  - C increased competition with other industries
  - D increased productivity for that industry
- 18 How could a national economy achieve a favorable balance of trade?
- A by increasing its money supply to surpass a trade deficit
  - B by meeting its trade quotas with its industrial output
  - C by importing goods equal in value to its exports
  - D by exporting more than it imports



- 19 How does an American tariff on foreign imports immediately affect businesses that produce goods in the United States?
- A The capital start-up costs of American manufacturing businesses decrease with the cost of imported equipment.
  - B Businesses are encouraged to employ more Americans as the cost of subcontracting to other countries increases.
  - C U.S. goods are more competitive in domestic markets when the cost of foreign goods increases.
  - D U.S. goods are more competitive in foreign markets as shipping prices decrease.
- 20 How can the Federal Reserve Board discourage inflation?
- A by limiting the amount of money one person can borrow at a time
  - B by setting the maximum number of loans a bank can issue in a year
  - C by raising the interest rate member banks pay on borrowed money
  - D by reducing the amount of money the federal government is allowed to borrow



- 21 But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

The Declaration of Independence

According to this excerpt, what condition is sufficient cause for people to form a new government?

- A Citizens become disappointed with election results.
- B Government becomes the major employer.
- C Citizens become apathetic to the laws.
- D Government becomes oppressive to its citizens.
- 22 How does the U.S. Constitution conform to John Locke's social contract theory?
- A The government operates on a system of law that is based on contracts and statutes.
- B Citizens transfer some rights to government in exchange for social order.
- C States retain sovereign powers and are joined by confederation.
- D People agree to a social system guided by conscience.
- 23 Citizens are concerned about a zoning law that allows a factory owner to build next to a residential area. Which level of government would likely be asked to resolve this conflict?
- A federal government
- B state government
- C local government
- D regional government



- 24 Why has the U.S. government responded slowly to climate change issues, such as global warming?
- A The Supreme Court has ruled such actions to be outside the jurisdiction of the government.
  - B There are no federal agencies with the authority to enforce climate-related regulations.
  - C The problem of climate change is too complicated to be impacted by legislation.
  - D There is substantial political opposition to climate change initiatives.

**This is the end of the multiple-choice portion of the test.**

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**The questions you read next will require you to answer in writing.**

- 1. Write your answers on separate paper.**
- 2. Be sure to write your name on each page.**

- 1 The Research Triangle Park (RTP) is one of the largest research parks in the United States. It was created in 1959 by state and local governments and is located near several universities in the Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill area. The park is home to over 170 businesses, ranging from biotechnology to finance. It serves as a model for research innovations, education, and economic development.

How has North Carolina's Research Triangle Park contributed to the economic growth of the United States and the global economy? Provide one specific example of each.

- 2 How do education and life choices affect financial planning and goals for individuals? Explain the influence of education and life choices on an individual's financial plans and goals.
- 3 Tensions over power and authority at the time of the American Revolution affected the development of the U.S. Constitution. Name an American revolutionary who influenced the Constitution and explain how that revolutionary affected the Constitution.



**Checking Account Statement**

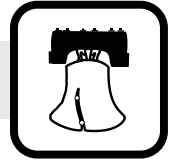
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<b>04/01</b>	<b>Checking Account</b>		<b>\$254.00</b>
04/01	MONTHLY SERVICE FEE	\$1.00-	\$253.00
04/01	MONTHLY INTEREST	\$0.01	\$253.01
04/01	DIRECT DEPOSIT	\$64.00	\$317.01
04/02	ATM WITHDRAWAL	\$20.00-	\$297.01
04/02	ATM WITHDRAWAL FEE	\$1.00-	\$296.01
04/15	GAS STATION	\$38.00-	\$258.01
<b>04/17</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$258.01</b>

**Savings Account Statement**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>04/01</b>	<b>Savings Account</b>		<b>\$100.00</b>
04/01	MONTHLY INTEREST	\$0.15	\$100.15
04/01	DIRECT DEPOSIT	\$20.00	\$120.15
<b>04/17</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$120.15</b>

Managing checking and savings accounts is essential to an individual's financial prosperity. Explain how each account should be properly managed, and one consequence of not properly managing them.





5 [The black man has] no rights which the white man [is] bound to respect.

Chief Justice Roger Taney, *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857)

We [reject] . . . the assumption that the enforced separation of the two races stamps the colored race with a badge of inferiority. If this be so, it is not by reason of anything found in the act, but solely because the colored race chooses to put that construction upon it.

Justice Henry Billings Brown, *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896)

We conclude that, in the field of public education, the doctrine of “separate but equal” has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* (1954)

Interpretations of the Constitution by the Supreme Court change over time. Use the quotes above to evaluate the rights of African-American citizens in 1857, 1896, and 1954. Explain the interpretations of the court during the period surrounding each case.

6 A market economy is a system in which supply and demand regulate the economy, rather than the government. Some characteristics are:

- private ownership of property and resources
- economic decisions made by buyers and sellers
- profit motive
- free enterprise

Why is competition and some government regulation important to the successful growth of a market economy? Give two explanations for the importance of competition in a market economy and two reasons why it is important to have minimal government regulation in a market economy.



**This is the end of the Civics and Economics test.**

- 1. Look back over your answers.**
- 2. Put all of your papers inside your test book and close the test book.**
- 3. Stay quietly in your seat until your teacher tells you that testing is finished.**

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11	MC	A	C&G — Civics and Government
12	MC	D	PFL — Personal Financial Literacy
13	MC	B	PFL — Personal Financial Literacy
14	MC	B	PFL — Personal Financial Literacy
15	MC	A	E — Economics
16	MC	A	E — Economics
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**Item Types:**

MC = multiple choice

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