

The Organization of Congress

Multiple Choice

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 1. The United States Congress, which is made up of two houses, is a
 a. constitutional legislature. c. extradition laws.
 b. bi-session legislature. d. bicameral legislature.
- _____ 2. This is NOT a qualification for election to the Senate.
 a. at least 30 years old c. married for 5 years
 b. legal resident of state of election d. a citizen for 9 years
- _____ 3. In Congress the majority and minority leaders are assisted by
 a. whips. c. the Speaker.
 b. the vice president. d. the president.
- _____ 4. The committees of each house are controlled by
 a. the minority party. c. the majority leader.
 b. the minority leader. d. the majority party.
- _____ 5. This is NOT a qualification for election to the House of Representatives.
 a. at least 25 years old c. a citizen for 7 years
 b. a degree in law d. legal resident of state of election
- _____ 6. The process of setting up new congressional districts after reapportionment is called
 a. redistricting. c. bicameral legislature.
 b. gerrymandering. d. censuring.
- _____ 7. The presiding officer of the House of Representatives is the
 a. vice president. c. majority leader.
 b. majority whip. d. Speaker.
- _____ 8. The president of the Senate is the
 a. majority leader. c. vice president.
 b. minority leader. d. Speaker.

Matching

Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| a. census | f. 6 years |
| b. to make laws | g. Rules Committee |
| c. 2 years | h. term of each Congress |
| d. majority party | i. as a bill |
| e. gerrymander | j. PACs |
- _____ 9. two sessions
- _____ 10. population count
- _____ 11. favors one group
- _____ 12. provide campaign funds
- _____ 13. main task of Congress
- _____ 14. House "traffic officer"
- _____ 15. provides leadership of a committee
- _____ 16. Representative's term

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- ___ 17. Senator's term
- ___ 18. the way every law starts

Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| a. President of the Senate | e. Minority Leader in the House |
| b. Majority Leader of the Senate | f. Minority Whip in the House |
| c. President Pro Tempore of the Senate | g. Minority Leader in the Senate |
| d. Speaker of the House | |

- ___ 19. Nancy Pelosi
- ___ 20. John Boehner
- ___ 21. Harry Reid
- ___ 22. Joe Biden
- ___ 23. Robert Byrd
- ___ 24. Mitch McConnell
- ___ 25. Eric Cantor

Essay

- 26. Using the candidates' positions on the six issues on the handout and any others you are aware of, write an essay supporting one of the two candidates.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. D
2. C
3. A
4. D
5. B
6. A
7. D
8. C

MATCHING

9. H
10. A
11. E
12. J
13. B
14. G
15. D
16. C
17. F
18. I

19. D
20. E
21. B
22. A
23. C
24. G
25. F

ESSAY

26. Answers will vary, but you will be judged on the strength and logic of your argument.