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1. Unit 02: American Political Behavior Questions

4.1.1. A presidential candidate must win ____ votes in order to win the pre...

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A presidential candidate must win ____ votes in order to win the presidency.

Please choose only one answer:

- 535
- 538
- 270
- 100
- 300

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4.1.2. A true political party system with two durable institutions associa...

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A true political party system with two durable institutions associated with specific ideological positions did not begin to develop in the United States until

Please choose only one answer:

- George Washington, a vocal critic of political parties, left the presidency.
- the Revolutionary War.
- the Great Depression.
- after the Civil War.
- the election of President Andrew Jackson.

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4.1.3. American political parties are best described as

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American political parties are best described as

Please choose only one answer:

- factions.
- interest groups.
- coalitions.
- committees.
- social movements.

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4.1.4. Becoming a political party's presidential nominee requires

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Becoming a political party's presidential nominee requires

Please choose only one answer:

- obtaining a majority of the delegates at the party's national nominating convention.
- the assistance of US foreign territories based mainly on their total populations and past records of electing the party's candidate.
- state party caucuses.
- primary election results.
- winning the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary.

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4.1.5. Historically, political parties were especially powerful and influe...

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Historically, political parties were especially powerful and influential during the

Please choose only one answer:

- decade before the Civil War.
- late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- 1950s and 1960s.
- 1980s.
- Progressive Era.

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4.1.6. In 'Federalist #10', _____ foresaw interest groups or factions a...

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In 'Federalist #10', _____ foresaw interest groups or factions as an inevitable development in a representative democracy.

Please choose only one answer:

- George Washington
- Patrick Henry
- Alexander Hamilton
- John Jay
- James Madison

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4.1.7. Redrawing of legislative district lines is important to the politic...

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Redrawing of legislative district lines is important to the political process because

Please choose only one answer:

- it ensures the protection of minority rights.
- the way the lines are drawn can impact who wins an election.
- it preserves established or burgeoning communities.
- it is not mentioned in the Constitution, so policymakers had to create the process themselves.
- independent state commissions oversee the process to prevent corruption

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4.1.8. Some people argue that the Electoral College gives disproportional ...

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Some people argue that the Electoral College gives disproportional representation to

Please choose only one answer:

- Democrats.
- Republicans.
- less populous states.
- independent voters.
- swing states.

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4.1.9. 'The Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission' Supreme Court ...

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'The Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission' Supreme Court ruling stated that

Please choose only one answer:

- a constitutional amendment banning unlimited money should be passed by Congress.
- there should be much more transparency on who gives money to political candidates.
- bans on independent political spending by corporations are unconstitutional.
- unlimited campaign donations are a clear violation of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.
- corporate-aligned interests that buy elections outright undermine the fabric of democracy.

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4.1.10. The employee of an interest group who presents its point of view to...

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The employee of an interest group who presents its point of view to legislators is called a

Please choose only one answer:

- fundraiser.
- lobbyist.
- party leader.
- litigator.
- conference chairman.

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4.1.11. The Republican Party originally formed around which issue?

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The Republican Party originally formed around which issue?

Please choose only one answer:

- Slavery
- Women
- Foreign policy
- Religion
- Tax reform

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4.1.12. What differentiates the nomination of candidates through a caucus r...

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What differentiates the nomination of candidates through a caucus rather than a primary election?

Please choose only one answer:

- A caucus limits the franchise to party insiders.
- A caucus takes more time, reducing voter turnout.
- A caucus is significantly more expensive to hold.
- A caucus is a more outdated method of nominating candidates.
- Caucuses are less reliable predictors of the national vote.

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4.1.13. What is the main reason why elections have become so expensive?

Author: Saylor Foundation

What is the main reason why elections have become so expensive?

Please choose only one answer:

- The amount of time and effort needed for a successful campaign in a progressively high-tech world is expensive.
- A lot of money is spent on political consultants for campaign elections.
- The diversity of the American people has required candidates to spend more money in different regions of the country.
- Campaigns' increasing legal and accounting fees are expensive.
- Television advertising drives up costs.

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4.1.14. Which of the following does NOT contribute to the success of interest groups?

Author: Saylor Foundation

Which of the following does NOT contribute to the success of interest groups?

Please choose only one answer:

- The ability to respond to political change and crises
- The status and distribution of an interest group's members
- Cooperation with other groups to help them achieve a policy objective they could not accomplish alone
- Having their activities reported to the media
- Maintaining close political relations with policymakers

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4.1.15. Which of the following is NOT a common criticism of the US two-part...

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Which of the following is NOT a common criticism of the US two-party system?

Please choose only one answer:

- It persuades citizens to accept two-party contests as a condition of electoral democracy.
- It fails to provide enough options since only two choices are permitted on the ballot.
- It creates nondemocratic measures that reduce ballot access for other parties.
- It fosters political gridlock in the policy-making process.
- It can create political instability and undermine economic growth.

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4.1.16. Which of the following is NOT an advantage of incumbency?

Author: Saylor Foundation

Which of the following is NOT an advantage of incumbency?

Please choose only one answer:

- Name recognition
- Free mailings to constituents
- A considerable financial war chest
- The ability to work with the president on complex policy issues
- A large staff

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4.1.17. Which of the following is NOT an advantage of strong political part...

Author: Saylor Foundation

Which of the following is NOT an advantage of strong political parties?

Please choose only one answer:

- Strong parties promote cooperation among people of diverse interests.
- Strong parties prevent gridlock.
- Strong parties convey information to voters.
- Strong parties effectively utilize social media to broaden their support among younger voters.
- The rise of candidate-centered campaigns has altered the power structure of the two-party system.

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4.1.18. Which of the following roles do political parties NOT serve?

Author: Saylor Foundation

Which of the following roles do political parties NOT serve?

Please choose only one answer:

- Engaging in get-out-the-vote drives
- Mobilizing voters to support certain candidates
- Organizing government
- Developing distinct ideological positions that appeal to the party faithful
- Devising broad platforms to appeal to the most voters possible

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4.1.19. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the structur...

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Which of the following statements is correct regarding the structure of political parties?

Please choose only one answer:

- The national parties focus mostly on presidential elections, while state and local parties focus on congressional elections.
- State parties are required to have the same policy positions as the national party.
- Parties are active on the national, state, and local levels.
- Most local parties are dominated by powerful political machines.
- Parties are highly influential in determining who wins the presidential nomination.

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4.1.20. Which of the following statements is correct regarding party identi...

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Which of the following statements is correct regarding party identification among American voters?

Please choose only one answer:

- Most people identify themselves as Republicans or Democrats.
- Since the 1960s, there has been a gradual decline in identification with political parties and a rise in the number of independents.
- Americans are usually confident in the two major parties' ability to represent the public interest and handle major issues facing the country.
- Support for third parties has significantly decreased over time.
- An individual's party identification is rarely lifelong.

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4.1.21. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Electora...

Author: Saylor Foundation

Which of the following statements is correct regarding the Electoral College?

Please choose only one answer:

- It is possible to win the Electoral College vote without winning the presidency.
- It is possible to win the national popular vote without winning the Electoral College.
- If there is a tie in the Electoral College, the US Senate declares the winner.
- In the case of a tie in the national popular vote, there is a nationwide run-off election.
- Candidates will often spend most of their time in highly populated urban areas to try to secure the most electoral votes.

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4.1.22. Which of the following was the most frequent argument used by the F...

Author: Saylor Foundation

Which of the following was the most frequent argument used by the Founding Fathers to establish the Electoral College?

Please choose only one answer:

- It would discourage women and free blacks to vote.
- They were against direct election to the presidency because they feared a tyrant could manipulate public opinion and come to power.
- A popular vote would create too much confusion among voters.
- The Electoral College would result in fewer recounts and disputed elections.
- It would give less power to smaller states.

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4.1.23. Which two political parties were the first to emerge in the United ...

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Which two political parties were the first to emerge in the United States?

Please choose only one answer:

- Whigs and Democrats
- Republicans and Federalists
- National Republicans and Federalists
- Democrat-Republicans and Whigs
- Progressives and Conservatives

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4.1.24. Why does the United States have only two viable political parties?

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Why does the United States have only two viable political parties?

Please choose only one answer:

- The United States has proportional representation rather than single-member districts.
- Americans' political views are not very diverse.
- The founders of the Constitution were suspicious of political factions and thus established a lasting preference for few parties.
- The parties take extreme ideological positions to become prominent in government.
- Americans have been historically averse to radical politics and desire to maintain a stable democratic political system.

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4.1.25. Why haven't third parties been a more formidable presence in Americ...

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Why haven't third parties been a more formidable presence in American politics?

Please choose only one answer:

- They tend to take middle-of-the road positions that are too similar to the major parties.
- Their leaders are usually uncharismatic and unable to connect with most voters.
- They usually advance beliefs and ideologies that are out of the political mainstream.
- The only candidates who have a realistic chance of winning under the winner-take-all election system are almost always associated with the two major parties.
- Federal law bans third-party candidates from financing their own campaigns.

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4.1.26. _____ is the process of redrawing legislative district lines.

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_____ is the process of redrawing legislative district lines.

Please choose only one answer:

- Apportionment
- Gerrymandering
- Reapportionment
- Malapportionment
- Incumbent protection

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