

12th Grade Economics & Government Summer Packet

For Saunders Trades & Technical High School



Directions:

Print your name on the packet, answer ALL questions right on the packet, and turn it in to your Economics and Government teacher the first day of school - September 6, 2018.

Pretest - Civics and Economics

Question 1 .

How would an increase in total expenditures affect the nation's economy?

- ☐ A. It would cause stagnation.
- ☐ B. It would cause a trade surplus.
- ☐ C. It would cause a recession.
- ☐ D. It would cause an expansion.

Question 2 .

Which term is used to describe a situation where most consumers are forced to make decisions based on limited resources?

- ☐ A. scarcity
- ☐ B. want
- ☐ C. need
- ☐ D. inflation

Question 3 .

Which of the following is a required duty of working citizens in the United States today?

- ☐ A. voting in an election
- ☐ B. paying taxes
- ☐ C. joining a political party
- ☐ D. volunteering

Question 4 .

Which term describes a budget in which expenditures exceed revenue?

- ☐ A. budget deficit
- ☐ B. national budget
- ☐ C. budget surplus
- ☐ D. balanced budget

Question 5 .

A popular new video game is released in limited supply. How will the limited supply most likely impact sales of the video game?

- ☐ A. People will manufacture their own video games.
- ☐ B. People will lose interest in the video game.
- ☐ C. It will decrease the price of the video game.
- ☐ D. It will increase the price of the video game.

Question 6 .

What is Anti-Federalism?

- ☐ A. a political position advocating for central government
- ☐ B. a political position in support of states' rights
- ☐ C. a political position against states' rights
- ☐ D. a political position in support of the Constitution

Question 7 .

	GDP per Capita	Life Expectancy (years)	Literacy
U.S.A.	46,000	78	99%
Japan	33,800	82	99%
Somalia	600	49	38%
South Korea	24,600	77	98%
Romania	11,100	72	97%
Honduras	3,300	69	80%

What does this chart indicate about the relationship among GDP per capita, life expectancy, and literacy?

- ☐ A. Nations with a medium GDP per capita have the highest life expectancy and literacy rates.
- ☐ B. Nations' life expectancies and literacy rates are unrelated to their GDP per capita.
- ☐ C. Nations with the lowest GDP per capita have the lowest life expectancy and literacy rates.
- ☐ D. Nations with the highest GDP per capita always have the highest life expectancy.

Question 8 .

- court facilities
- public schools
- emergency management
- parks and recreation

How are the above services primarily funded?

- ☐ A. government revenue from taxation
- ☐ B. federal revenue from loans
- ☐ C. government aid from volunteers
- ☐ D. federal aid from state governments

Question 9 .

The principle of checks and balances in the U.S. government is reflected in the

- ☐ A. creation of separate state and federal court systems.
- ☐ B. ability of Congress to override a presidential veto.
- ☐ C. election of Supreme Court justices.
- ☐ D. appointment of cabinet-level officers by the legislative branch.

Question 10 .

Which of the following people is making a decision based on opportunity cost?

- ☐ A. Michael decides to buy two cinnamon rolls because he will receive the third roll for free.
- ☐ B. Donald tries to drive less often because the price of gas has become more expensive.
- ☐ C. Ralph does not fix his broken fence because he wants to spend his money on a new TV.
- ☐ D. Leonard places his money in a savings account so that he will be able to use it in the future.

Question 11 .

How did *Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)* help establish the supremacy of the United States Constitution?

- ☐ A. It gave Congress authority to override state law to regulate commerce.
- ☐ B. It gave Congress authority to override state law to integrate schools.
- ☐ C. It upheld the "separate but equal" doctrine.
- ☐ D. It became the basis for the exercise of judicial review.

Question 12 .

Which of the following trade policies would most encourage Americans to buy domestic products instead of foreign products?

- ☐ A. import subsidies
- ☐ B. trade agreements
- ☐ C. specialization
- ☐ D. tariffs

Question 13 .

In the United States Congress, policymakers submit bills to legal counsel to ensure that they comply with legal standards. This describes which American value?

- ☐ A. majority rule
- ☐ B. freedom of speech
- ☐ C. rule of law
- ☐ D. freedom of religion

Question 14 .

No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law. . . .

—14th Amendment, 1868

According to the 14th Amendment, state governments must

- ☐ A. conduct a judicial review of Supreme Court decisions.
- ☐ B. protect the individual rights of all citizens.
- ☐ C. ensure that every citizen has a job.
- ☐ D. obtain the approval of Congress to pass laws.

Question 15 .

Sylvia has started a training program for her employees. She hopes to educate them on workplace procedures and methods. Sylvia is investing in which type of capital?

- ☐ A. physical capital
- ☐ B. mental capital
- ☐ C. human capital
- ☐ D. mutual capital

Question 16 .

Federal Aviation
Administration
(FAA)



Food and Drug
Administration
(FDA)

What is the main purpose of the above government organizations?

- ☐ A. They protect the safety of consumers.
- ☐ B. They operate as businesses that offer services.
- ☐ C. They raise revenue for the government.
- ☐ D. They maintain the stability of the economy.

Question 17 .

A nation is said to have a comparative advantage when it is able to

- ☐ A. produce a product at a lower opportunity cost than other nations.
- ☐ B. make a profit from selling a product to a specific market.
- ☐ C. manufacture a product in larger quantities than it expected.
- ☐ D. sell its product from multiple stores throughout the world.

Question 18 .

Which of these would be considered a **naturalized citizen** of the United States?

- ☐ A. someone who applies for and passes a citizenship test
- ☐ B. someone who immigrates to the U.S. from another country
- ☐ C. someone born in the U.S. to parents who are citizens
- ☐ D. someone who lives in the U.S. and is able to speak English

Question 19 .

Which action from the U.S. government would most encourage consumers to spend money in the free market?

- ☐ A. provide more government services
- ☐ B. lower the amount of personal income tax
- ☐ C. motivate businesses to raise their prices
- ☐ D. raise the amount of foreign tariffs

Question 20 .

Which modern controversy relates exclusively to the powers of state government?

- ☐ A. redistricting
- ☐ B. charter schools
- ☐ C. political corruption
- ☐ D. balanced budget

Question 21 .

Which statement most accurately explains the result of the Great Compromise?

- ☐ A. It established the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.
- ☐ B. It resolved the debate over slavery and commercial trade.
- ☐ C. It settled a debate over representation in Congress.
- ☐ D. It settled the dispute over the Electoral College.

Question 22 .

Which action by the U.S. government would likely increase unemployment in Mexico?

- ☐ A. limiting immigration from Mexico
- ☐ B. allowing free trade with Mexico
- ☐ C. polluting the Colorado River
- ☐ D. opening a factory in Mexico

Question 23 .**Decision-Making Model**

- State the problem.
- List alternatives.
- Establish criteria.
- Weigh options.
- Make a decision.
- Evaluate the result.

Paula is a college student who attends classes 15 hours each week. It is very important to Paula that she does well in her classes and graduates on time. Which criteria should Paula use when selecting a job?

- ☐ A. It must not take away much of her weekend time.
- ☐ B. It must pay enough for her to save money for the future.
- ☐ C. It must be a job that she authentically enjoys doing.
- ☐ D. It must not interfere with her class schedule.

Question 24 .

Which type of law is being enforced when a police officer arrests someone for disorderly conduct?

- ☐ A. local law
- ☐ B. state law
- ☐ C. federal law
- ☐ D. international law

Question 25 .**Read the statements below.**

- The president, as commander in chief, can send troops to a foreign country.
- Congress influences foreign aid by the amount of money it includes in the budget for foreign aid.
- The president's secretary of state is responsible for United States relations with foreign countries.

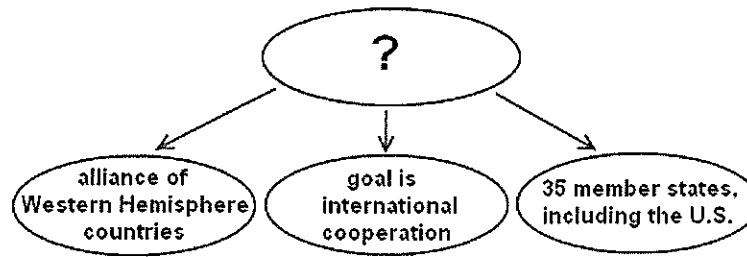
Which of the following is the best conclusion that can be made from these statements?

- ☐ A. The president has complete responsibility over the foreign policy of the nation.
- ☐ B. The power to make foreign policy is divided between the president and the Cabinet.
- ☐ C. The power to make foreign policy is divided between the legislative and executive branches.
- ☐ D. The Congress has more influence than the executive branch in making foreign policy.

Question 26 .

How does a corporate monopoly impact the economy?

- ☐ A. A monopoly decreases the amount of competition.
- ☐ B. A monopoly helps reduce unemployment.
- ☐ C. A monopoly increases the amount of production.
- ☐ D. A monopoly helps create new markets.

Question 27 .

The chart above best describes the

- A. Organization of American States.
- B. North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- C. North American Free Trade Agreement.
- D. International Red Cross.

Question 28 .

Which of these is a macroeconomic goal that economic systems try to achieve?

- A. low unemployment
- B. high prices
- C. economic stagnation
- D. economic dependency

Question 29 .

The Declaration of Sentiments, written in 1848, primarily based its arguments on which fundamental constitutional principles?

- A. property and law
- B. justice and equality
- C. participation and patriotism
- D. federalism and authority

Question 30 .

Which action would most allow a person to play an important role in the justice system?

- A. campaigning for a politician
- B. writing an editorial
- C. serving on a jury
- D. volunteering to clean litter

