## STUDY QUESTLONS FOR THE NEW VERSIQN OF THE NATURALIZATION EXAM 





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| AMERICAN GOVERNMENT QUESTIONS |  |
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| Principles of American Democracy |  |
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| 1. What is the supreme law of the land? | The Constitution |
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| 2. What does the Constitution do? | Sets up the government; defines the government; protects basic rights of Americans |
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| 3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words? | "We the People" |
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| 4. What is an amendment? | A change (to the Constitution); an addition (to the Constitution) |
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| 5. What do we call the first 10 amendments to the Constitution? | The Bill of Rights |
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| 6. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment? | Speech; religion; assembly; press; petition the government |
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| 7. How many amendments does the Constitution have? | Twenty-seven (27) |
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| 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) |
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| 9. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence? | Life; liberty; pursuit of happiness |
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| 10. What is freedom of religion? | You can practice any religion, or not practice a religion |
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| 11. What is the economic system in the United States? | Capitalist economy; market economy |
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| 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. |
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| System of Government |  |
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| 13. Name one branch or part of the government. | Legislative (Congress); executive (President); judicial (the courts) |
|  |  (ตุดากั่ารำเึ่สช่) |
| 14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful? | Checks and balances; separation of powers |
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| 15. Who is in charge of the executive branch? | The President |
|  | ¢บสาราติบถี |
| 16. Who makes federal laws? | Congress; Senate and House (of Representatives); (U.S. or national) legislature |
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| 17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress? | The Senate and House (of Representatives) |
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| 18. How many U.S. Senators are there? | One hundred (100) |
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| 19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years? | six (6) |
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| 20. Who is one of your state's U.S. Senators? | Patty Murray; Maria Cantwell (Washington state 2007) |
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| 21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members? | Four hundred thirty-five (435) |
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| 22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years? | Two (2) |
|  | ถึ่ (2) |
| 23. Name your U.S. Representative. | Jim McDermott (most of Seattle and Vashon Island 2007) For information on finding your elected official, you may go to www.house.gov/zip/ZIP2Rep.html or you may ask your local librarian. |
|  |  <br>  <br>  <br>  |
| 24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent? | All people of that state |
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| 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 |
|  |  <br>  |
| 26. We elect a President for how many years? | Four (4) |
|  | Uูค (4) |
| 27. In what month do we vote for President? | November |
|  | ใ่วิิบิก |
| 28. What is the name of the President of the United States now? | George W. Bush; George Bush; Bush (2007) |
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| 29. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now? | Richard Cheney; Dick Cheney; Cheney (2007) |
|  | Richard Cheney; Dick Cheney; Cheney (\%io 2007) |
| 30. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President? | The Vice President |
|  โบต่าญาติบถี? |  |
| 31. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President? | The Speaker of the House |
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| 32. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military? | The President |
|  | บบต่าราติบกี่ |
| 33. Who signs bills to become laws? | The President |
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| 34. Who vetoes bills? | The President |
|  | โบต่าณาติบถี่ |
| 35. What does the President's Cabinet do? | Advise the President |
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| 36. What are two Cabinet-level positions? | Secretary of Agriculture; Secretary of Commerce; Secretary of Defense; Secretary of Education; Secretary of Energy; Secretary of Health and Human Services; Secretary of Homeland Security; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Secretary of Interior; Secretary of State; Secretary of Transportation; Secretary of Treasury; Secretary of Veterans' Affairs; Secretary of Labor; Attorney General |
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| 37. What does the judicial branch do? | Reviews laws; explains U.S. laws; resolves disputes (disagreements); decides if a law goes against the Constitution |
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| 38. What is the highest court in the United States? | The Supreme Court |
|  | กุถงกั่รก่กู่ |
| 39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court? | Nine (9) |
|  | Cự̂̉ (9) |
| 40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States? | John Roberts (John G. Roberts Jr.) |
|  | John Roberts (John G. Roberts Jr.) |

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| 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 |
|  <br>  |  |
| 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 |
|  <br>  |  <br>  <br>  |
| 43．Who is the Governor of your state？ | Christine Gregoire（Washington state－2007） |
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| 44．What is the capital of your state？ | Olympia（Washington state） |
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| 45．What are the two major political parties in the United States？ | Democratic and Republican |
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| 46．What is the political party of the President now？ | Republican（Party） |
|  | ถ่าตารณู：รูู（คึณูบกั̣） |
| 47．What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now？ | Nancy Pelosi（2007） |
|  | Nancy Pelosi（ mil 2007） |
| Rights and Responsibilities |  |
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| 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；a male citizen of any race can vote；any citizen（women and men）can vote |
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| 49．What is one responsibility that is only for U．S．citizens？ | Serve on a jury；vote |
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| 50．What are two rights only for United States citizens？ | Apply for a federal job；vote；run for office；carry a U．S．passport |
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| 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 worship；the right to bear arms |
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| 52．What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance？ | The United States；the flag |
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| 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 |
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| 54. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President? | Eighteen (18) and older |
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| 55. What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy? | Vote; join a political party; help with a campaign; join a civic or 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 |
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| 56. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms? | April 15 |
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| 57. When must all men register for the Selective Service? | At age 18; between the ages of 18 and 26 |
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| AMERICAN HISTORY QUESTIONS |  |
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| Colonial Period and Independence |  |
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| 58. What is one reason colonists came to America? | Freedom; political liberty; religious freedom; economic opportunity; practice their religion; escape persecution |
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| 59. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived? | Native Americans; American Indians |
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| 60. What group of people was taken to America and sold as slaves? | Africans; people from Africa |
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| 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 |
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| 62. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? | (Thomas) Jefferson |
|  | (Thomas) Jefferson |
| 63. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted? | July 4, 1776 |
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| 64. There were 13 original states. Name three. | New Hampshire; Massachusetts; Rhode Island; Connecticut; New York; New Jersey; Pennsylvania; Delaware; Maryland; Virginia; North Carolina; South Carolina; Georgia |
|  | 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 |
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| 66. When was the Constitution written? | 1787 |
|  | i่ 1787 |
| 67. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers. | (James) Madison; (Alexander) Hamilton; (John) Jay |
|  <br>  | (James) Madison; (Alexander) Hamilton; (John) Jay |
| 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 |
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| 69. Who is the "Father of Our Country"? | (George) Washington |
|  | (George) Washington (นึบกูกั่รเติร) |
| 70. Who was the first President? | (George) Washington |
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| 1800s |  |
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| 71. What territory did the U.S. buy from France in 1803 ? | The Louisiana Territory; Louisiana |
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| 72. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s. | War of 1812; Mexican-American War; Civil War; Spanish-American War |
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| 73. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South. | The Civil War; the War between the States |
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| 74. Name one problem that led to the Civil War. | Slavery; economic reasons; states' rights |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 77. What did Susan B. Anthony do? | Fought for women's rights; fought for civil rights |
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| Recent American History and Other Important Historical Information |  |
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| 78. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s. | World War I; World War II; Korean War; Vietnam War; (Persian) Gulf War |
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| 79. Who was President during World War I? | (Woodrow) Wilson |
|  | (Woodrow) Wilson |
| 80. Who was President during the Great Depression and World War II? | (Franklin) Roosevelt |
|  เถ่กัเญีกี゙่ II? | (Franklin) Roosevelt |
| 81. Who did the United States fight in World War II? | Japan, Germany, and Italy |
|  เถ่กัเญีกียี II? |  |
| 82. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in? | World War II |
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| 83. During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States? | Communism |
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| 84. What movement tried to end racial discrimination? | Civil rights (movement) |
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| 85. What did Martin Luther King Jr. do? | Fought for civil rights; worked for equality for all Americans |
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| 86. What major event happened on September 11, 2001 in the United States? | Terrorists attacked the United States |
|  2001 เึ่งบทงยู่เย่กิ? |  |

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| 87. Name one American Indian tribe in the United States. | Cherokee; Navajo; Sioux; Chippewa; Choctaw; Pueblo; Apache; Iroquois; Creek; Blackfeet; Seminole; Cheyenne; Arawak; Shawnee; Mohegan; Huron; Oneida; Lakota; Crow; Teton; Hopi; Inuit |
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| INTEGRATED CIVICS QUESTIONS |  |
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| Geography |  |
| ถูษิ์าโญ |  |
| 88. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States. | Missouri (River); Mississippi (River) |
|  | Missouri ( ¢ู่ ¢) ; Mississippi ( ญู่ ¢ ) |
| 89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States? | Pacific (Ocean) |
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| 90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States? | Atlantic (Ocean) |
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| 91. Name one U.S. territory. | Puerto Rico; U.S. Virgin Islands; American Samoa; Northern Mariana Islands; Guam |
|  | Puerto Rico; U.S. iñ̊ Virgin Islands; American Samoa; iñ: 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 |
| 92. บู่ ฮูtญู์ | 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 |
|  | California; Arizona; New Mexico; Texas |
| 94. What is the capital of the United States? | Washington, D.C. |
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| 95. Where is the Statue of Liberty? | New York (Harbor); Liberty Island [Also acceptable are New Jersey, near New York City, and on the Hudson (River).] |
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| Symbols |  |
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| 96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes? | Because there were 13 original colonies; because the stripes represent the original colonies |
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| 97. Why does the flag have 50 stars? | Because there is one star for each state; because each star represents a state; because there are 50 states |
|  |  <br>  |
| 98. What is the name of the national anthem? | The Star-Spangled Banner |
|  | The Star-Spangled Banner (نิ๕เฏินึ่นิิ Star-Spangled Banner) |
| Holidays |  |
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| 99. When do we celebrate Independence Day? | July 4 |
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| 100. Name two national U.S. holidays. | New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Presidents Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas |
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