

25 Idaho Civics Questions

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The following questions relating to Idaho government and history could be included with the civics test required by Senate Bill No. 1071

1. Which of the following Native American tribes are located in Idaho?
 - a. Coeur d'Alene
 - b. Sioux
 - c. Kootenai
 - d. Cherokee
 - e. Nez Perce
 - f. Shoshone-Bannock
 - g. Shoshone-Paiute
2. Name the famous expedition which in 1805 led the first known European Americans into the land area now known as Idaho? _____
3. Name the president who signed the act which created the Territory of Idaho on March 4, 1863. _____
4. What year did President Benjamin Harrison sign the act which made Idaho the 43rd state in the Union?
 - a. 1880
 - b. 1885
 - c. 1890
 - d. 1896
 - e. 1900
5. Idaho covers a land area about the size of Great Britain. About how many people live in Idaho?
 - a. 10.5 Million
 - b. 6.5 Million
 - c. 1.7 Million
 - d. 3.8 Million
 - e. 20 Million
6. About what fraction of Idaho's land area is owned by the federal government?
 - a. $\frac{1}{2}$
 - b. $\frac{1}{10}$
 - c. $\frac{2}{3}$
 - d. $\frac{1}{3}$
 - e. $\frac{1}{5}$
7. Which city has the only seaport in Idaho?
 - a. Moscow
 - b. Weiser
 - c. Lewiston
 - d. Payette
8. State legislators in Idaho are chosen from legislative districts which are about equal in population. How many legislative districts are there in Idaho?
 - a. 25
 - b. 55
 - c. 44
 - d. 26
 - e. 35
9. How many members of the Idaho Senate and Idaho House of Representatives are elected from each legislative district?
 - a. Two senators and one house member
 - b. Two senators and two house members
 - c. One senator and two house members
 - d. One senator and three house members
 - e. Three senators and one house member

10. What is the vote needed in both houses to pass a bill through the Idaho Legislature?
 - a. Simple majority
 - b. 50%
 - c. 2/3
 - d. 3/4
11. What vote is needed in both houses to override a governor's veto?
 - a. Simple majority
 - b. 50%
 - c. 2/3
 - d. 3/4
12. How long is the term of office for members of the Idaho Legislature?
 - a. Four years
 - b. Six years
 - c. Two years
 - d. Three years
 - e. Five years
13. The greatest expenditure made by the Idaho Legislature each year pertains to which general area?
 - a. Health and welfare
 - b. Education
 - c. Law enforcement
 - d. State parks
14. The Governor sees that state laws are carried out and is the chief executive officer of the State of Idaho. What is his term of office?
 - a. Two years
 - b. Six years
 - c. Four years
 - d. Three years
15. Which of the following are not constitutionally elected executive officials of the State of Idaho?
 - a. Governor
 - b. Secretary of State
 - c. Secretary of the Interior
 - d. State Controller
 - e. Lieutenant Governor
 - f. Secretary of Agriculture
 - g. State Treasurer
 - h. Attorney General
 - i. Superintendent of Public Instruction
16. Which state official gives legal opinions regarding the constitutionality of actions taken by state officials or of bills being considered by the Idaho State Legislature?
 - a. Secretary of State
 - b. The Governor
 - c. Attorney General
 - d. Solicitor General
 - e. State Controller
17. Which of the following are not elected county officials?
 - a. County Commissioners
 - b. County Clerk
 - c. County Surveyor
 - d. County Prosecuting Attorney
 - e. County Coroner
 - f. County Treasurer
 - g. County Assessor
 - h. County Zoning Administrator
18. The county officials who enact county ordinances and supervise departments in county government are called the: _____

19. What is the most common form of city government in Idaho?
 - a. City Manager form
 - b. Commissioner form
 - c. Council Manager form
 - d. Mayor- Council form
 20. Property taxes provide a major source of revenue for which levels of government?
 - a. City government
 - b. County government
 - c. State government
 - d. Federal government
 21. To raise money to build a public school, voters within a school district could vote in a bond election. If the voters approve, bonds are sold to raise funds for construction for the school, to be paid off over a period of years through property taxes. What vote is required to pass a bond election in Idaho?
 - a. 2/3
 - b. Simple majority
 - c. 50%
 - d. 3/4
 22. Which county official normally decides whether or not to file charges in court against an accused person in a criminal case?
 - a. Sheriff
 - b. Attorney General
 - c. Prosecuting Attorney
 - d. County Commissioner
 23. The court in Idaho which tries major civil cases and felony criminal cases is called the:
 - a. County Court
 - b. District Court
 - c. Probate Court
 - d. Magistrate Court
 - e. Criminal Court
 24. Which court in Idaho tries only minor civil cases and misdemeanor criminal cases?
 - a. District Court
 - b. County Court
 - c. Magistrate Court
 - d. Probate Court
 - e. Criminal Court
 25. Name the highest court in Idaho which hears appeals from lower courts and is composed of five members elected to six year terms by the voters of Idaho?-
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