Government

First Semester Test for chapters 1-7

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Section #1: Multiple Choice - 10 points: circle the correct answer (1 point each)

1. The American Revolution came about, in part, because of this man’s writings.
   a. Richard Nixon
   b. Chief Justice Roger B. Taney
   c. John Locke
   d. Karl Marx

2. The United States form of government is
   a. An oligarchy
   b. A totalitarian government
   c. A democratic republic
   d. An autocracy

3. The president can check Congress by this power
   a. Override
   b. Veto
   c. Separation of power enactment
   d. Judicial review

4. Decisions of the Supreme Court can only be overturned by the Court or by
   a. Constitutional amendment
   b. Judicial review
   c. Order of the president
   d. Act of Congress

5. This is a Constitutional obligation of the national government to the states.
   a. Collect taxes
   b. Pay for all national elections
   c. Form new states from existing states
   d. Protect states from invasion

6. The presiding officer of the House is the
   a. Speaker
   b. Majority whip
   c. Majority leader
   d. Senate leader

7. The president of the Senate is the
   a. Speaker
   b. House leader
   c. Majority leader
   d. Vice president

8. The main task of each house of Congress is to
   a. Legislate the executive branch
   b. Write procedures
   c. Get reelected
   d. Make laws
9. All bills Congress passes requires this before they become law.
   a. The president’s signature
   b. Supreme Court approval
   c. A presidential veto
   d. Congressional override

10. Although many voters say they want less government, this item keeps government large.
    a. Logrolling
    b. Pork-barrel legislation
    c. Caseworkers
    d. Voter’s requests for help

Section #2: Fill in the Blank – 15 points; Use the vocabulary words below to complete (1 point each).

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1. ___________________________ closed meeting of Congress
2. ___________________________ largest body of Congress
3. ___________________________ to lie under oath
4. ___________________________ First 10 amendments to the US Constitution.
5. ___________________________ representatives of interest groups.
6. ___________________________ Consists of two members from each state.
7. ___________________________ United States economy.
8. ___________________________ limits senators’ speaking time with a three-fifths vote.
9. ___________________________ a way to defeat a bill.
10. ___________________________ Thomas Jefferson wrote this.
11. ___________________________ social programs that continue from one year to the next.
12. ___________________________ First document to establish a limited government.
13. ___________________________ implies that Congress has powers beyond the expressed powers in the Constitution.
14. ___________________________ established the national income tax.
15. ___________________________ presidential rejection.