

U.S. Federal and State of Illinois Constitution Sample Questions

1) Proposed amendments to the United States Constitution must first be proposed and then be ratified to become effective. One way they can be ratified is by:

- A. 3/4 of the state legislatures.
- B. A simple majority in Congress.
- C. A 2/3 majority in Congress.
- D. A 3/4 majority in Congress.

2) Removal of an official by impeachment and trial proceedings requires:

- A. Majority vote in the Senate and two-thirds vote in the House.
- B. Majority vote in both Houses and conviction by the Supreme Court.
- C. Majority vote in the House and two-thirds vote in the Senate.
- D. Three-fourths vote in the Senate alone.

3) Which of the following is involved in impeachment proceedings?

- A. Trial of the official by the U.S. Supreme Court
- B. The filing of formal charges against an officer by the Attorney General
- C. Trial of an official before the Senate sitting as a court of impeachment
- D. Issuance of an indictment against an official by the United States Supreme Court
- E. Bringing of formal charges against an official by the Senate

4) What is the fundamental difference between the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives?

- A. States are represented equally in the Senate, but by population in the House
- B. The Senate, and only the Senate, can initiate money bills
- C. Senate terms are four years, whereas House terms are two years
- D. All bills must be introduced first in the Senate
- E. The Senate has the power to impeach federal officers

5) The Constitution gives the power to "declare war" to:

- A. The president.
- B. The president and the Senate.
- C. The president and the Congress.
- D. The Congress.
- E. The House of Representatives and the president.

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- 6) Who follows the vice-president, in order of succession to the presidency, according to the law passed by Congress?
- A. President pro tempore of the Senate
 - B. Speaker of the House
 - C. Secretary of State
 - D. Secretary of the Treasury
 - E. Secretary of Defense
- 7) With the exception of the Supreme Court, all federal courts are set up by:
- A. The president.
 - B. Congress.
 - C. The Constitution.
 - D. The Justice Department.
- 8) Who appoints members of the Supreme Court?
- A. The president
 - B. Congress
 - C. President, with advice and consent of the Senate
 - D. President, with advice and consent of the House
 - E. President, with advise and consent of Congress
- 9) According to the U.S. Constitution, each state shall give "full faith and credit" to:
- A. Officials of other states.
 - B. Banks in all states.
 - C. The public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of other states.
 - D. Bills of credit from other states.
- 10) The original Constitution provided that the state legislatures were to select:
- A. Members of the U.S. Senate.
 - B. The state court judges.
 - C. Members of the House of Representatives.
 - D. Their respective state government.
- 11) How many state legislative districts does Illinois have?
- A. 59
 - B. 118 and 59 for the House and Senate respectively
 - C. 177 and 59 for the House and Senate respectively
 - D. 100
 - E. none of the above

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- 12) How is the President of the Illinois Senate chosen?
- A. The governor appoints the president of the Senate
 - B. The Lieutenant Governor serves as president of the Senate
 - C. The Secretary of State serves as president of the Senate
 - D. The governor appoints the president of the Senate with the Senate's approval
 - E. The Senate elects from its membership a president of the Senate
- 13) In Illinois the majority required to continue a judge in office, who is running "on his record" without an opponent, is:
- A. 50 percent
 - B. 60 percent
 - C. 66 2/3 percent
 - D. 70 percent
 - E. 75 percent
- 14) Which of the following statements is true of an Illinois county board?
- A. Its existence entitles a county to home rule
 - B. A board shall be elected in each county
 - C. Each board is headed by an elected Chief Executive Officer
 - D. A board is required only for Cook County
- 15) As provided by the Illinois Constitution, which counties are to have a county board?
- A. All counties that vote to have a board
 - B. Only Cook County
 - C. All of the counties of the state
 - D. Only those counties with a Chief Executive Officer elected by the people
 - E. All counties with a population over 25,000

Answers:

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| 1) Correct Answer is A. | 2) Correct Answer is C. |
| 3) Correct Answer is C. | 4) Correct Answer is A. |
| 5) Correct Answer is D. | 6) Correct Answer is B. |
| 7) Correct Answer is B. | 8) Correct Answer is C. |
| 9) Correct Answer is C. | 10) Correct Answer is A. |
| 11) Correct Answer is B. | 12) Correct Answer is E. |
| 13) Correct Answer is B. | 14) Correct Answer is B. |
| 15) Correct Answer is C. | |