Organization of Congress

Multiple Choice
Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

____ 1. The United States Congress, which is made up of two houses, is a
   a. constitutional legislature.  
   b. bi-session legislature.  
   c. extradition laws.  
   d. bicameral legislature.  

____ 2. This is NOT a qualification for election to the Senate.
   a. at least 30 years old  
   b. legal resident of state of election  
   c. married for 5 years  
   d. a citizen for 9 years  

____ 3. This could bring about a vote of censure.
   a. heroism  
   b. sleeping during session  
   c. accepting a bribe  
   d. missing a committee meeting  

____ 4. In Congress the majority and minority leaders are assisted by
   a. whips.  
   b. the vice president.  
   c. the Speaker.  
   d. the president.  

____ 5. The standing committees of each house are controlled by
   a. the minority party.  
   b. the minority leader.  
   c. the majority leader.  
   d. the majority party.  

____ 6. This group specializes in a subcategory of its standing committee's responsibility.
   a. subcommittee  
   b. conference committee  
   c. select committee  
   d. joint committee  

____ 7. The budget-making work of Congress is coordinated by the
   a. Congressional Budget Office (CBO).  
   c. General Accounting Office (GAO).  
   d. Library of Congress.  

____ 8. This is NOT a qualification for election to the House of Representatives.
   a. at least 25 years old  
   b. a degree in law  
   c. a citizen for 7 years  
   d. legal resident of state of election  

____ 9. The process of setting up new congressional districts after reapportionment is called
   a. redistricting.  
   b. gerrymandering.  
   c. bicameral legislature.  
   d. censuring.  

____ 10. People in districts represented in Congress are called
    a. a census.  
    b. constituents.  
    c. a quorum.  
    d. a caucus.  

____ 11. The presiding officer of the House of Representatives is the
    a. vice president.  
    b. majority whip.  
    c. majority leader.  
    d. Speaker.  

____ 12. The president of the Senate is the
    a. majority leader.  
    b. minority leader.  
    c. vice president.  
    d. Speaker.  

____ 13. The power to write the rules in Congress is controlled by the
    a. vice president.  
    b. minority party.  
    c. majority party.  
    d. Speaker.  

____ 14. This great center of information contains almost a 100 million items.
    a. Congressional Budget Office (CBO)  
    b. Government Printing Office (GPO)  
    c. General Accounting Office (GAO)  
    d. Library of Congress
Matching

Match each item with the correct statement below.

a. census
b. to make laws
c. personal staff member
d. seniority system
e. gerrymander
f. Government Printing Office (GPO)
g. Rules Committee
h. term of each Congress
i. cloture
j. PACs

15. two sessions
16. population count
17. provide campaign funds
18. main task of Congress
19. House "traffic officer"
20. stops a filibuster
21. provides leadership of a committee
22. caseworker
23. record of all Congressional bills

Match each item with the correct statement below.

a. as a bill
b. Social Security
c. start of each term of Congress
d. legislative assistant
e. Foreign Relations
f. Ways and Means
g. 2 years
h. 6 years
i. administrative assistant
j. elections

24. January 3 of odd-numbered years
25. Representatives' term
26. November of even-numbered years
27. Senators' term
28. the way every law starts
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Answer Section

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. D
2. C
3. C
4. A
5. D
6. A
7. A
8. B
9. A
10. B
11. D
12. C
13. C
14. D

MATCHING

15. H
16. A
17. J
18. B
19. G
20. I
21. D
22. C
23. F
24. C
25. G
26. J
27. H
28. A