

## 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. c. extradition laws.  
b. bi-session legislature. d. bicameral legislature.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. This is NOT a qualification for election to the Senate.  
a. at least 30 years old c. married for 5 years  
b. legal resident of state of election d. a citizen for 9 years
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. This could bring about a vote of censure.  
a. heroism c. accepting a bribe  
b. sleeping during session d. missing a committee meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In Congress the majority and minority leaders are assisted by  
a. whips. c. the Speaker.  
b. the vice president. d. the president.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The standing committees of each house are controlled by  
a. the minority party. c. the majority leader.  
b. the minority leader. d. the majority party.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. This group specializes in a subcategory of its standing committee's responsibility.  
a. subcommittee c. select committee  
b. conference 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).  
b. Government Printing Office (GPO). d. Library of Congress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. This is NOT a qualification for election to the House of Representatives.  
a. at least 25 years old c. a citizen for 7 years  
b. a degree in law d. legal resident of state of election
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The process of setting up new congressional districts after reapportionment is called  
a. redistricting. c. bicameral legislature.  
b. gerrymandering. d. censuring.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. People in districts represented in Congress are called  
a. a census. c. a quorum.  
b. constituents. d. a caucus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The presiding officer of the House of Representatives is the  
a. vice president. c. majority leader.  
b. majority whip. d. Speaker.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The president of the Senate is the  
a. majority leader. c. vice president.  
b. minority leader. d. Speaker.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The power to write the rules in Congress is controlled by the  
a. vice president. c. majority party.  
b. minority party. d. Speaker.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. This great center of information contains almost a 100 million items.  
a. Congressional Budget Office (CBO) c. General Accounting Office (GAO)  
b. Government Printing Office (GPO) d. Library of Congress

**Matching**

*Match each item with the correct statement below.*

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

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