

Lesson Quiz 17-1



Political Parties

DIRECTIONS: True/False In the blank, indicate whether the statement is true (T) or false (F).

- _____ 1. A nation with an authoritarian government often has a two-party system.
- _____ 2. A multi-party system tends to require the building of coalitions to govern.
- _____ 3. The two current major parties in the United States were originally one party.
- _____ 4. A third party that focuses solely on the legalization of certain banned substances would be considered an ideological party.
- _____ 5. Third-party candidates running for president must gather voter signatures to be placed on the ballot in each state.

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 6. A candidate from the Green Party in the United States runs for the presidency to bring attention to issues involving the environment and social justice. The Green Party could be considered which of these?
 - A. ideological party
 - B. major party
 - C. single-issue party
 - D. splinter party
- _____ 7. Which of these statements is true about political parties?
 - A. A political party exists solely to gain power in government.
 - B. All candidates within a party share the same values and ideas.
 - C. Each political party relies on many citizen volunteers during elections.
 - D. Those who give large sums of money to a party will always be rewarded with jobs.
- _____ 8. What event led to the dominance of two parties in the American political system?
 - A. American Revolution
 - B. Civil War
 - C. Great Depression
 - D. World War II
- _____ 9. Which of the systems described below is most likely to produce a government that is shaped by the widest variety of viewpoints and ideologies?
 - A. a system in which many parties with the same religious ideology are allowed to run
 - B. a system in which one party always wins elections with nearly 100% of the vote
 - C. a system in which the parties within the coalition government change after each election
 - D. a system in which two parties trade power based on election results
- _____ 10. Which of these would be a major barrier to the success of a candidate running as a member of the Reform Party in the United States?
 - A. Other third-party candidates are likely to be running as well.
 - B. Proportional representation exists in some areas.
 - C. Third-parties rarely qualify for public financing.
 - D. Votes for this candidate may negatively impact a major candidate.



Lesson Quiz 17-2

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DIRECTIONS: Matching Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| _____ 1. believe in a limited economic role for government | A. party platform |
| _____ 2. often the result when polarization affects political parties | B. Democrats |
| _____ 3. belief that the U.S. has a special role to play in world affairs | C. gridlock |
| _____ 4. believe government should actively address social issues | D. exceptionalism |
| _____ 5. statement of beliefs on a variety of specific issues | E. Republicans |

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 6. A person who supports laws that limit the production of greenhouse gases and opposes American involvement in foreign wars would most likely identify with which of these parties?
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| A. Constitution Party | C. Libertarian Party |
| B. Democratic Party | D. Republican Party |
- _____ 7. Which of these is part of both the Democratic and Republican Party platforms?
- A.** support for counterterrorism measures
 - B.** support for greenhouse gas reduction
 - C.** support for public employees to unionize
 - D.** support for same-sex marriage
- _____ 8. Someone who is to the far right on the political spectrum would most likely agree with which of these statements?
- A.** Any two nonrelated adults should be able to marry each other.
 - B.** Medicare is necessary but should be reformed.
 - C.** Public schools should receive government help to thrive.
 - D.** Wealthy people deserve to keep most of the money they have earned.
- _____ 9. According to demographic trends, a Hispanic female who works in a bank in Los Angeles is most likely to vote for a candidate from which party?
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| A. Constitution Party | C. Libertarian Party |
| B. Democratic Party | D. Republican Party |
- _____ 10. Which of these people is most likely to self-identify as a Republican?
- A.** African-American male electrician who is part of a union
 - B.** Asian-American female artist who lives in Seattle
 - C.** White female teacher who lives in an apartment in Boston
 - D.** White male engineer who lives in a suburb of Miami

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Lesson Quiz 17-3

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DIRECTIONS: True/False In the blank, indicate whether the statement is true (T) or false (F).

- _____ 1. In a primary system that uses plurality, a candidate only wins the primary if he or she wins at least 51% of the vote.
- _____ 2. Delegates from every state attend a political party's national convention to nominate the party's presidential and vice presidential candidates.
- _____ 3. Only presidential candidates from the major parties are listed on the ballot in each state.
- _____ 4. The major political parties nominate candidates at the national, state, and local levels.
- _____ 5. Anyone who is eligible to be a delegate at the local level in a party could potentially become a delegate at the party's national convention.

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 6. A local political party is most likely to recommend which of these people for a state executive appointment?
- A. a businessperson who put up a sign supporting a party's candidate
 - B. a lawyer who does volunteer legal work for the party
 - C. a teacher who brings her students to visit each party's offices
 - D. an independent contractor who maintains no party affiliation
- _____ 7. In some states, members of a party are welcome to attend a series of meetings in order to nominate the candidate that will represent the party. What is this system of nomination called?
- A. caucus
 - B. closed primary
 - C. direct primary
 - D. open primary
- _____ 8. What would be the best way to predict how a candidate is likely to vote on a wide variety of issues if he or she is elected?
- A. attend the nominating convention for the candidate
 - B. read the candidate's election materials
 - C. read the platform of the candidate's political party
 - D. vote for the candidate in a primary
- _____ 9. A delegate to a nominating convention must be which of the following?
- A. a candidate for office
 - B. a financial donor to the party
 - C. a member of the party
 - D. a party leader
- _____ 10. A primary system that uses plurality can save the party time and money by allowing it to avoid what?
- A. canvassing
 - B. caucuses
 - C. nominations
 - D. runoff