CHAPTER 13 TEST - THE PRESIDENCY

Matching

IDENTIFYING KEY TERMS
Match each item with the correct statement below. You will not use all the terms.

a. chief executive
b. presidential succession
c. platform
d. commander in chief

___ 1. the President's role as the head of the armed forces
___ 2. the formal statement of a political party's basic principles
___ 3. the plan by which a presidential vacancy is filled

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a. electoral college
b. winner-take-all
c. balance the ticket
d. chief executive
e. chief administrator

___ 4. The President is the nation's ____, heading a large government organization.
___ 5. Under the ____ system, a candidate who wins the preference vote in a primary automatically wins the support of all the delegates chosen in the primary.
___ 6. Presidential candidates often choose a running mate with other characteristics, who can ____ in order strengthen the chance of being elected.
___ 7. The ____ is the group of people chosen from each State and the District of Columbia to formally select the President and Vice President.
___ 8. As ____, the President holds broad power in domestic and foreign affairs.

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

MAIN IDEAS

___ 9. In case the President is disabled, the way the Vice President becomes President is determined by the
   a. original Constitution.
   c. 25th Amendment.
   d. Congress.
10. According to the Constitution, the President must
   a. be a man who owns property.
   b. be at least 35 years of age.
   c. have held one major public office.
   d. have lived in the U. S. for at least 13 years.

11. Since 2001, the President receives a yearly salary of
   a. $50,000.
   b. $99,500.
   c. $400,000.
   d. $900,000.

12. The electoral system broke down in the election of 1800 because of the
   a. rise of political parties.
   b. 12th Amendment.
   c. use of the national convention as a nominating device.
   d. appearance of a presidential primary.

13. Which of the following is the correct line of succession to the presidency?
   a. Vice President, Speaker of the House, president pro tempore of the Senate
   b. Vice President, president pro tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House
   c. Vice President, Secretary of State, Speaker of the House
   d. Vice President, Secretary of Defense, president pro tempore of the Senate

14. A State's presidential electors are chosen by
   a. the State legislature.
   b. its members in Congress.
   c. popular vote.
   d. a State convention.

15. A President can serve no more than _____ years in office.
   a. 8
   b. 4
   c. 10
   d. 12

16. The President may decide to resume duties after an illness by informing Congress that no inability exists, but that decision can be challenged by
   a. Congress.
   b. the Vice President.
   c. the Vice President and a majority of the Cabinet.
   d. any representative in the House of Representatives.

17. During the nomination process, political battles are most likely to occur in
   a. presidential primaries in the President's party.
   b. presidential primaries in the party out of power.
   c. the Cabinet.
   d. the electoral college.
18. The national convention is held to accomplish all of the following EXCEPT
   a. unify the party behind its candidates.
   b. pick its presidential candidate.
   c. select the party's delegates.
   d. adopt the party's platform.

19. The least number of presidential electors a State can have is
   a. one.
   b. two.
   c. three.
   d. four.

20. Which of the following statements is NOT an argument against the electoral college system?
   a. A candidate who loses the popular vote may still be elected President.
   b. An elector may vote for someone other than the voter-selected candidate.
   c. A strong third-party effort might throw the election into the House.
   d. The results depend upon how State congressional districts are drawn.

21. According to the Presidential Succession Act of 1947, which of these officers follows the Vice President in the line of presidential succession?
   a. Speaker of the House
   b. secretary of state
   c. president pro tempore of the Senate
   d. secretary of the treasury
INTERPRETING MAPS

Use the map to answer the following questions.

22. The number of electoral votes that Iowa has is
   a. five.
   b. seven.
   c. nine.
   d. twelve.

23. The States with the largest electoral vote include
   a. Pennsylvania and Illinois.
   b. Alaska and Hawaii.
   c. Texas and Florida.
   d. California and New York.

24. A President whose duties have been temporarily assumed by the Vice President may reclaim his or her office by
   a. gaining a majority vote of Congress
   b. informing Congress that he or she is no longer disabled, provided the Vice President and a majority of the Cabinet do not challenge his or her decision.
   c. presenting Congress with written medical reports by two physicians testifying that he or she is no longer disabled.
   d. gaining a majority vote of the Cabinet and the Supreme Court.

25. Most of the Framers opposed choosing the President by popular vote because they
   a. did not have the technology to count a national vote quickly.
   b. did not think voters in such a large country would be able to learn enough about the candidates to make an informed decision.
   c. feared there would be widespread fraud if a national vote was allowed.
   d. believed the average voter would choose not to vote.