

2015-16 Semester I GOPO Final Exam Study Guide

Government and Politics

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Unit 1 - Foundations of Government and Citizenship

1. Define the natural rights of people according to John Locke.
2. What is civic responsibility?
3. What is meant by the phrase “the common good?”
4. Identify the basic powers of government.
5. What is the “rule of law”?

Unit 2 - Beginnings of American Government

6. What did the $\frac{3}{5}$ compromise resolve?
7. What are the major differences between the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence?

Unit 3 - The Constitution

8. List the principles that the Constitution are based upon.
9. What is the concept of limited government?
10. Define federalism. Give an example.
11. Why is the formal amendment process so important to the US Constitution?
12. Explain the formal amendment process to the US Constitution.
13. What are the implied powers of Congress?
14. What are the expressed powers of Congress that are written in the constitution?

15. What is the current limit of Presidents terms?

16. What is a Presidential pardon?

Unit 4 - The Three Branches and MN Government

17. What are the different checks that the branches have over each other?

Executive checks Legislative by

Legislative checks President by

President checks Judicial by

Judicial checks Congress by

Congress checks Judicial by

18. Define the concept of Popular Sovereignty.

19. What is Judicial Review?

20. What is the purpose of a conference committee?

21. What are the duties of the President?

22. List the first five positions for the presidential order of succession.

23. Who brings a case to trial?

24. What is the Majority opinion in a court case?

25. What is the dissenting opinion in a court case?

26. The United States budget is created by?

27. What type of Legislative Branch does Minnesota have?

28. What are the top two spending areas in the Minnesota budget?
29. Where does the Minnesota government get most of its revenue?
30. Identify the levels of government which are present in Minnesota?
31. How do Minnesota taxes and level of services compare with other states in the USA?

Unit 5 - Voting, Elections, Political Parties and Media

32. How are federal and state legislative districts determined?
33. What is the goal of a political party?
34. What does it mean to vote the straight ticket?
35. What is required in all states (except North Dakota) to vote?
36. What is a benefit from minor parties American politics?
37. What are Political Action Committees?
38. What is reapportionment?
39. What is gerrymandering?
40. How many people are in the Electoral College? What does it do?

Unit 6 - The United States and the World

41. Contrast internationalism and isolationism.
42. What is the main purpose of the United Nations?
43. What is the difference between a Passport and a Visa?

44. What department head conducts foreign policy duties?

45. How are privacy concerns a challenge for lawmakers?

46. Complete the following table to show each Executive departments responsibilities for foreign policy and world affairs

State Department	Department of Defense	Department of Homeland Security

47. Which of the following national interests have been priorities in how the US has conducted its foreign policy?(circle correct response(s))

human rights

economic interests

national security interests

Unit 7 - Rights and Responsibilities

48. List the rights granted in

1st amendment -

2nd amendment -

4th amendment -

5th amendment -

6th amendment -

8th amendment -

49. Why is the Fourteenth Amendment so important? Include selective incorporation