POL 371 “State and Local Politics”
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Multiple Choice Extra Credit

1. Which of the following is Robert Dahl’s term (from Who Governs) for citizens who generally vote but do not commit a lot of
time and resources to pursuing political power?
   A. Homo politicus
   B. Homo civicus
   C. Homo electorus
   D. Homo pluralus
   E. Homo elitus

2. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution is often referred to as the “States Rights” Amendment?
   A. Twenty-third Amendment
   B. Tenth Amendment
   C. Second Amendment
   D. Fifth Amendment
   E. Fourteenth Amendment

3. Which term describes the problem discussed in Ruben Barrales’s article where the federal government passes rules or
   regulations that require local and state governments to spend money?
   A. Federal dictates
   B. Unfunded mandates
   C. Burden taxes
   D. Clinton reforms
   E. Anti-federalism

4. From the article about the surveys of local governments about homeland security (Caruson and Magnuson), which of the
   following is true?
   A. Local governments said they needed more assistance from the federal government
   B. Local governments expressed concern about cyberterrorism
   C. The Department of Homeland Security was able to raise the national threat level and force the local governments to spend
      money
   D. All of the above
   E. Only A and B above

5. Which state that had rules to weaken political parties was discussed in the article by Masket?
   A. California
   B. Montana
   C. Utah
   D. New Jersey
   E. Georgia

6. According to the article by Masket, what happened in the state that had rules to weaken political parties?
   A. Political parties rebelled by overturning the rules and re-writing the state constitution.
   B. The federal government stepped in and re-established the political parties to protect civil rights.
   C. Speakers’ organizations, power brokers and local factions grew and fulfilled the functions of parties.
   D. All of the above.
   E. Both A and B above.

7. According to the readings, what was the “Lincoln Club”?
   A. A group of civil rights lawyers dedicated to defending clients against state governments
   B. An organization of consultants that advise states on revisions group of state constitutions
   C. An organization of inner city liberals that promoted selected candidates.
   D. An organization of wealthy conservatives that promoted selected candidates.
   E. None of the above.
8. Which of the following best describes the trends in party control of the state legislatures discussed in Rosenthal’s “Is the Party Over?” written in 2002?
A. Republicans used to control the majority of legislatures but the Democrats caught up.
B. Democrats used to control the majority of legislatures but the Republicans caught up.
C. Democrats have controlled more state legislatures through history and have increased their lead.
D. Republicans have controlled more state legislatures through history and have increased their lead.
E. Control of state legislatures has been close to even through history with frequent changes of the lead.

9. Which term describes the effect on neighboring districts when legislatures draw district boundaries to create minority-majority districts?
A. Liberalized districts
B. Mandated districts
C. Bounded districts
D. Bleached districts
E. Heterogenous districts

10. Generally speaking, which statement is true about the gender differences in legislatures?
A. Republican male legislators have been more liberal than Republican female legislators
B. Democratic female legislators have been more conservative than Democratic men legislators
C. There generally have not been ideological differences between the genders in the legislatures
D. Female legislators are more liberal than their male counterparts
E. Both A and B above

11. Which of the following is true of the party column ballot?
A. Is becoming increasingly popular
B. Makes voting take longer
C. Is associated with fewer unrecorded votes
D. Weakens political parties
E. A and B above

12. Which of the following are associated with stronger political parties in state legislatures?
A. Ideological similarity within parties
B. Homogenous districts for legislators
C. Atypical constituencies for legislators
D. All of the above
E. A and B above

13. According to the public opinion polls in Cole and Kincaid, which tax does the public generally consider the worst?
A. State income tax
B. State and local sales taxes
C. Federal income tax
D. Local property taxes
E. State licensing fees

14. In 2005, Paul Peterson in “The New Politics of Federalism” argued which of the following points?
A. Democrats were seeing more need for state and local control
B. Republicans saw more need for more federal control
C. The “New Politics of Federalism” is that both political parties are now abandoning the historic roots.
D. All of the above
E. Only A and B above

15. Which Supreme Court case decided that the federal government had the right to create a national bank and the states could not tax them?
A. McCulloch v. Maryland
B. Gibbon v. Ogden
C. Griswold v. Connecticut
D. Baker v. Carr
E. Printz v. United States