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1. The “neo-conservative” approach to government is most characteristic of

a. the Republican Party.

b. the Democratic Party.

c. the Green Party.

d. all of these.

ANSWER:	a
POINTS:	1
REFERENCES:	Understand the Philosophical Perspectives of Contemporary Political Parties and Political Labels
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2. Federal grant-in-aid programs

a. are in direct violation of the Constitution.

b. allow the federal government to extend its authority over social programs.

c. do not require state participation.

d. have a 3-year limit for funding any one program.

ANSWER:	b
POINTS:	1
REFERENCES:	Describe the Workings and Interactions of Federal, State, and Local Levels of Government
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3. A “mark-up” session is held

a. to draft a bill for submission.

b. to determine whether there are enough votes to overturn a presidential veto.

c. after a committee has held hearings on a bill.

d. to bring together advocates and legislators to review a bill.

ANSWER:	c
POINTS:	1
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4. Filibusters
   a. occur only in the House of Representatives.
   b. can be held in either the House or the Senate.
   c. occur only in the Senate.
   d. can be ended by a majority vote.

ANSWER: c
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Describe the Workings of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of Government
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5. The Speaker of the House can influence a bill's vote by
   a. holding a filibuster.
   b. deciding which committee will hear the bill.
   c. invoking "cloture" to end debate.
   d. both holding a filibuster and invoking "cloture" to end debate.

ANSWER: b
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Describe the Workings of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of Government
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6. Which perspective on social justice is illustrated by the progressive income tax?
   a. Libertarian
   b. Utilitarian Liberal
   c. Oligarchy
   d. Socialism

ANSWER: b
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Understand the Structure and Philosophical Underpinnings of the U.S. Tax System
QUESTION TYPE: Multiple Choice

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7. The Executive Branch creates policy when it
   a. provides benefits.
   b. taxes income.
   c. spends appropriations.
   d. issues regulations.

ANSWER: d
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Describe the Workings of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of Government
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8. In 2010, the largest single item in the federal budget was
   a. Social Security.
   b. defense spending.
   c. Medicare.
   d. interest on the national debt.

ANSWER: b
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Describe the Workings of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of Government
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9. Which of the following is NOT true of federal expenditures since 1945?
   a. The overall federal budget has grown.
   b. Education spending has taken a larger share of the federal budget.
   c. Social Security expenditures have grown.
   d. Expenditures for National Defense have taken a smaller share of the federal budget.

ANSWER: b
POINTS: 1

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10. Mary works for a child welfare agency. She was opposed to the privatization of foster care services because she felt it was too difficult to define quality in this type of care. Which of the following conditions does she believe is missing from the foster care market?

a. Assessable product
b. Informed & able consumer
c. Access to diverse providers
d. All of these

ANSWER:	a
POINTS:	1
REFERENCES:	Understand Privatization and Its Theoretical and Practical Limits
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11. In the U.S., regressive taxes include

a. state income tax.
b. sales tax.
c. payroll tax.
d. both sales and payroll tax.

ANSWER:	d
POINTS:	1
REFERENCES:	Understand the Structure and Philosophical Underpinnings of the U.S. Tax System
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12. During the latter half of the 20th century, what sources of federal tax revenues changed?

a. Individual income taxes became a higher proportion of federal revenues.
b. Corporate taxes became a smaller proportion of federal revenues.

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c. The proportion of federal revenues drawn from payroll taxes increased.
d. Both corporate taxes became a smaller proportion of federal revenues and the proportion of federal revenues drawn from payroll taxes increased.

ANSWER: d
POINTS: 1
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13. The primary source of revenues to local governments is
a. property tax.
b. income tax.
c. fines and fees.
d. payroll tax.

ANSWER: a
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Understand the Structure and Philosophical Underpinnings of the U.S. Tax System
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14. The annual “Tax Expenditure Budget” outlines
a. how tax revenues are spent.
b. the annual costs of tax deductions and exemptions.
c. the projected impact of proposed tax changes.
d. all of these.

ANSWER: b
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Understand the Structure and Philosophical Underpinnings of the U.S. Tax System
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15. Tax deductions and exemptions pose an equity problem because
    a. they are complex to administer.
    b. they offer greater benefits to affluent taxpayers than to the poor.
    c. they are similar to tax credits.
    d. they are only applicable to federal income taxes.

ANSWER:	b
POINTS:	1
REFERENCES:	Understand the Structure and Philosophical Underpinnings of the U.S. Tax System
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16. For federal income tax purposes, a taxpayer's marginal tax rate is
    a. the proportion of total income that is subject to tax.
    b. the rate applied to income in the taxpayer's highest tax bracket.
    c. the amount of tax paid on the first $15,000 in taxable income.
    d. the tax rate applied to income derived from margin accounts.

ANSWER:	b
POINTS:	1
REFERENCES:	Understand the Structure and Philosophical Underpinnings of the U.S. Tax System
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17. Federal judges can be removed from office through a process called
    a. impeachment.
    b. termination.
    c. election.
    d. recall.

ANSWER:	a
POINTS:	1
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18. The federal rule-making process is governed by the
    a. U.S. Constitution.
    b. Administrative Procedures Act.
    c. Social Security Act.
    d. U.S. Regulatory Act.

ANSWER: b
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Describe the Workings of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of Government
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19. The goal of grassroots tax protests is generally
    a. to lower income tax rates.
    b. to eliminate local sales taxes.
    c. to reduce property taxes.
    d. to increase the progressivity of local tax structures.

ANSWER: c
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Understand the Structure and Philosophical Underpinnings of the U.S. Tax System
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20. At present, nearly half the world's population lives under democratic rule.
    a. True
    b. False

ANSWER: True
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21. No bill can become federal law until it has received majority votes in both the House and the Senate.
    a. True
    b. False
ANSWER: True
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Describe the Workings of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of Government
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22. A bill pertaining to social programs must originate in the House of Representatives.
    a. True
    b. False
ANSWER: False
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Describe the Workings of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of Government
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23. Health care spending is the largest category in the U.S. budget.
    a. True
    b. False
ANSWER: False
POINTS: 1
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24. In the United States, mandatory spending is a much smaller part of the budget than is discretionary spending.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER:	False
POINTS:	1
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25. The General Accounting Office (U.S. GAO) helps the president prepare the budget.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER:	False
POINTS:	1
REFERENCES:	Describe the Workings of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of Government
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26. The U.S. has had a federal income tax ever since it was founded.

a. True

b. False

ANSWER:	False
POINTS:	1
REFERENCES:	Understand the Structure and Philosophical Underpinnings of the U.S. Tax System
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27. Establishment of the TSA is an example of reverse contracting.

a. True

b. False

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ANSWER: True
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Understand Privatization and Its Theoretical and Practical Limits
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28. The Bush tax cuts shifted much of the nation's tax burden from the rich toward the middle class, and reduced funding available for public programs.

a. True
b. False

ANSWER: True
POINTS: 1
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29. Governance in the U.S. is shared among three levels of government. List these.

ANSWER: Federal, State, Local
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Describe the Workings and Interactions of Federal, State, and Local Levels of Government
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30. Describe what is meant by the term "grant-in-aid," and give an example of such a grant.

ANSWER: Possible answer: A grant-in-aid is a method the federal government can use to expand social programs. The federal government offers money to states on the condition that they abide by federal regulations governing the programs. Medicaid is one example, as is TANF.
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Describe the Workings and Interactions of Federal, State, and Local Levels of Government
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31. How do tax deductions and tax credits differ? Give one example of a tax credit.
ANSWER: Possible answer: A tax deduction reduces the amount of taxes a person owes, but it cannot result in a refund. A tax credit (for example, the Earned Income Tax Credit) can reduce the amount of tax owed, and it can also result in a refund.
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Understand the Structure and Philosophical Underpinnings of the U.S. Tax System
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32. What does the term "privatization" mean? Give two examples of privatization in the United States.
ANSWER: Possible answer: The term "privatization" refers to the private financing, production, development, and/or distribution of public assets or services. For example: the multistate movement to employ private managing prisons; when basic city services such as garbage collection and ambulance services are provided through contracts with local companies; when state and local governments employ private-sector organizations to deliver services, etc.
POINTS: 1
REFERENCES: Understand Privatization and Its Theoretical and Practical Limits
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33. Explain why the EITC is called an antipoverty measure embedded in the US tax code.
ANSWER: It is a credit that provides a refund to low-income worker, primarily families with children, by lowering the tax amount owed, rather than a refund that results from an overpaying of taxes owed.
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