

100 Civics Questions

The 100 civics (history and government) questions and answers for the naturalization test are listed below. The civics test is an oral test and the USCIS Officer will ask the applicant up to 10 of the 100 civics questions. An applicant must answer 6 out of 10 questions correctly to pass the civics portion of the naturalization test.

On the naturalization test, some answers may change because of elections or appointments. As you study for the test, make sure that you know the most current answers to these questions. Answer these questions with the name of the official who is serving at the time of your eligibility interview with USCIS. The USCIS Officer will not accept an incorrect answer.

Although USCIS is aware that there may be additional correct answers to the 100 civics questions, applicants are encouraged to respond to the civics questions using the answers provided below.

* If you are 65 years old or older and have been a legal permanent resident of the United States for 20 or more years, you may study just the questions that have been marked with an asterisk.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

A: Principles of American Democracy

- 1. What is the supreme law of the land?**
- 2. What does the Constitution do?**
- 3. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?**
- 4. What is an amendment?**
- 5. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?**
- 6. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?**
- 7. How many amendments does the Constitution have?**
- 8. What did the Declaration of Independence do?**
- 9. What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?**
- 10. What is freedom of religion?**

Bonus Questions:

- 11. What is the economic system in the United States?**
- 12. What is the "rule of law"?**

B: System of Government

13. Name one branch or part of the government.
14. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?
15. Who is in charge of the executive branch?
16. Who makes federal laws?
17. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?
18. How many U.S. Senators are there?
19. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?
20. Who is one of your state's U.S. Senators now?
21. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
22. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
23. Name your U.S. Representative.

Bonus Questions

24. Who does a U.S. Senator represent?
25. Why do some states have more Representatives than other states?