

Chapter 02: The Constitution and the Progressive Legacy

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. In what year was California's second constitution written?

- a. 1849
- b. 1879
- c. 1882
- d. 1900

ANS: B DIF: Easy REF: The Rules of the Game: California's Constitution
MSC: Remembering

2. California was admitted to the Union in

- a. 1849.
- b. 1850.
- c. 1879.
- d. 1900.

ANS: B DIF: Easy REF: The 1849 Constitution
MSC: Remembering

3. In 1849, in what county did the elected men meet to draft California's first constitution?

- a. Sacramento
- b. Los Angeles
- c. Monterey
- d. San Diego

ANS: C DIF: Easy REF: The 1849 Constitution
MSC: Remembering

4. California's 1849 (first) constitution borrowed heavily from the

- a. U.S. Constitution.
- b. the Compromise of 1850.
- c. federal court decisions.
- d. congressional enabling legislation.

ANS: A DIF: Medium REF: The 1849 Constitution
MSC: Remembering

5. What political party played a significant role in California's 1879 constitution?

- a. Republican
- b. Whig
- c. Democrats
- d. Workingmen

ANS: D DIF: Medium REF: The 1879 Constitution
MSC: Remembering

6. What level of vote does the California Constitution require before the legislature can propose a constitutional amendment?

- a. a simple majority in both houses of the legislature
- b. a simple majority in the members that are present in both houses of the legislature
- c. a two-thirds majority in both houses of the legislature
- d. a three-fourths majority in both houses of the legislature

ANS: C DIF: Medium REF: The 1879 Constitution
MSC: Remembering

7. Elections held at the local level in which no party label is shown on the ballot are

- a. special elections.
- b. nonpartisan elections.
- c. off year elections.
- d. recall elections.

ANS: B DIF: Medium REF: From 1900 to 1917: The Progressive

Movement
MSC: Remembering

8. Elections by which a political party nominates candidates to represent it in the general election are called
- a. nonpartisan elections.
 - b. recall elections.
 - c. run off elections.
 - d. primary elections.

ANS: D DIF: Medium REF: From 1900 to 1917: The Progressive Movement
MSC: Remembering

9. The initiative, referendum, and the recall comprise a series of Progressive reforms generally known as
- a. legislative control.
 - b. direct democracy.
 - c. executive prerogative.
 - d. voter control.

ANS: B DIF: Medium REF: From 1900 to 1917: The Progressive Movement
MSC: Remembering

10. The following is NOT a Progressive reform.
- a. nonpartisan elections
 - b. primaries
 - c. office block ballot
 - d. term limits on the state legislature

ANS: D DIF: Difficult REF: From 1900 to 1917: The Progressive Movement
MSC: Evaluating

11. A characteristic of California government that is NOT a legacy of the Progressive movement is
- a. nonpartisan elections.
 - b. the office block ballot.
 - c. strong political parties.
 - d. the recall.

ANS: C DIF: Medium REF: From 1900 to 1917: The Progressive Movement
MSC: Evaluating

12. In what year did California voters pass the initiative, referendum, and recall?
- a. 1879
 - b. 1911
 - c. 1978
 - d. 2008

ANS: B DIF: Medium REF: From 1900 to 1917: The Progressive Movement
MSC: Remembering

13. The goal of the Progressive movement was to reduce the power of
- a. local government.
 - b. the California Supreme Court.
 - c. presidential candidates.
 - d. corporations and corrupt politicians.

ANS: D DIF: Medium
REF: The Progressive Movement and Its Impact on California Politics
MSC: Remembering

14. What three goals did the Progressives pursue?

- a. eliminate guns, restrict speech, and establish diplomatic relations with Mexico
- b. establish joint citizenship with Mexico, pursue public education, and expand representative government
- c. weaken corporate influence, eliminate political corruption, and democratize the political process
- d. expand defense spending, lower taxes, and fight interest group corruption

ANS: C DIF: Medium

REF: The Progressive Movement and Its Impact on California Politics

MSC: Remembering

15. During the Progressive era, what railroad company was known for bribing California officials?
- a. Penn Central
 - b. Amtrak
 - c. Union Pacific
 - d. Southern Pacific

ANS: D DIF: Easy

REF: The Progressive Movement and Its Impact on California Politics

MSC: Remembering

16. Who made the following statement: "If we are fit to govern ourselves, this is the last time we will submit to be governed by the hired bosses of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company"?
- a. Hiram Johnson
 - b. Edward Dickson
 - c. Chester Rowell
 - d. Pat Brown

ANS: C DIF: Difficult REF: State Politics

MSC: Remembering

17. The Progressives believed that citizens supported the democratic process and would
- a. invest whatever time and effort was needed to participate in elections.
 - b. rely on lobbyists to represent their interests.
 - c. favor strong political parties.
 - d. favor restricting the power of state courts.

ANS: A DIF: Medium REF: State Politics

MSC: Evaluating

18. In California, voters can propose a constitutional amendment through
- a. a recall election.
 - b. the referendum.
 - c. the initiative process.
 - d. a primary election.

ANS: C DIF: Difficult REF: Direct Democracy

MSC: Remembering

19. In California, the voters have the power of direct action through
- a. the Internet, MTV, and Facebook.
 - b. information learned through a political science course.
 - c. veto power, pardon power, and confirmation power.
 - d. initiative, referendum, and recall.

ANS: D DIF: Medium REF: Direct Democracy

MSC: Analyzing

20. From 1970 to 2012, what were the two most controversial propositions in California?
- a. Propositions 1 and 4
 - b. Propositions 8 and 13
 - c. Propositions 14 and 98
 - d. Propositions 7 and 8

ANS: B DIF: Difficult REF: Direct Democracy
MSC: Remembering

21. How much money was spent by both sides (for and against) on Proposition 8?
- a. \$11.2 million
 - b. \$65.7 million
 - c. \$104.7 million
 - d. \$141 million

ANS: C DIF: Medium REF: Direct Democracy
MSC: Remembering

22. In California, the initiative
- a. is used to recall elected leaders.
 - b. is used to suspend laws passed by the legislature.
 - c. is used by the legislature to introduce new laws.
 - d. allows citizens to propose laws.

ANS: D DIF: Medium REF: Direct Democracy
MSC: Analyzing

23. The overall passage rate for initiatives from 1912 to 2014 was
- a. 10 percent.
 - b. 18 percent.
 - c. 34 percent.
 - d. 52 percent.

ANS: C DIF: Medium REF: Initiative MSC: Remembering

24. According to a number of scholars, what is one of the major problems with the initiative process?
- a. Initiatives act as a check on legislative extremism and irresponsible behavior.
 - b. Initiatives blur the complexity of many issues and reduce them to sound bites upon which the voter is asked to make a yes/no decision.
 - c. Initiatives are a product of the grassroots movements that have more to do with social and economic issues than with well-financed campaigns.
 - d. The government will likely not enforce laws made by the initiative process.

ANS: B DIF: Difficult REF: Debating the Merit of Direct Democracy
MSC: Remembering

25. Which one of the following was a suggestion by the California Constitutional Revision Commission?
- a. Require all judges in California to be elected by the people.
 - b. Allow property taxes to be raised by 1 percent every 10 years.
 - c. Have the governor and the lieutenant governor run as a team.
 - d. Make it easier to terminate public employment.

ANS: C DIF: Medium REF: California's Constitution: Where Are We Now?
MSC: Remembering

ESSAY

1. Why were the Progressives against strong political parties and powerful corporations?

ANS:
Answers will vary

DIF: Difficult REF: The Progressive Movement and Its Impact on California Politics

MSC: Analyzing

2. Was the faith that the Progressives had in the average citizen's willingness to participate justified? Explain why or why not?

ANS:

Answers will vary

DIF: Difficult REF: The Progressive Movement and Its Impact on California Politics

MSC: Evaluating

3. What are the main components of direct democracy? Describe how each one functions.

ANS:

Answers will vary

DIF: Medium

REF: Direct Democracy

MSC: Analyzing

4. Has the initiative process become a useful tool of average citizens or has it been dominated by powerful, well-organized interests? Explain your answer.

ANS:

Answers will vary

DIF: Difficult

REF: Debating the Merit of Direct Democracy

MSC: Analyzing

5. Discuss some of the major changes to the California Constitution that have been suggested. How likely are they to be adopted?

ANS:

Answers will vary

DIF: Medium

REF: California's Constitution: Where Are We Now?

MSC: Evaluating