True/False

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

1. According to the chart, voters have the power to influence Congress.
2. This cartoon argues that reforms of congressional lobbying has had a successful outcome.

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3. According to this lawmaker, an “Average Joe” citizen is as important—or more important—than a European diplomat.

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

4. This group tends to vote in favor of business.
   a. PACs         c. lobbyists
   b. Republicans   d. Democrats

5. One area in which party voting is strong is
   a. local issues.    c. farm issues.
   b. district issues. d. current issues.
6. This group tends to favor social-welfare programs.
   a. Republicans
   b. lobbyists
   c. Democrats
   d. political action committees (PACs)

7. Congress did not follow the president's lead for military action in the Persian Gulf until swayed by
   a. lobbyists.
   b. the executive committee.
   c. public opinion.
   d. PACs.

8. Representatives of interest groups that work to influence Congress are called
   a. Republicans.
   b. party partisans.
   c. lobbyists.
   d. Democrats.

“Rightly or wrongly, we have become the link between the frustrated citizen and the very involved federal
government in citizens’ lives. . . . We continually use more and more of our staff time to handle citizens’
complaints.”

—House member

9. The congressional responsibility this House member is referring to is known as
   a. public works bills.
   b. casework.
   c. logrolling.
   d. pork-barrel legislation.

10. These congressional staffers help constituents with problems.
    a. lobbyists
    b. lawmakers
    c. political action committees
    d. caseworkers
11. Which state received the most federal funding for defense in 1994?
   a. California  
   b. New York  
   c. Florida  
   d. Texas

12. Which state received the most money per person?
   a. Florida  
   b. California  
   c. New York  
   d. Pennsylvania

13. According to the graph, which state received the most federal funding in 1994?
   a. Texas  
   b. Florida  
   c. New York  
   d. California
14. Choose the answer that best completes the chart, identifying the importance of casework.
   a. reminds lawmakers what it's like to be an “Average Joe”
   b. helps Congress oversee judicial branch
   c. ensures federal funding for lawmaker’s district
   d. helps Congress oversee executive branch

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   —Sam Rayburn

15. The relationship between lawmaker and constituent—as described by this lawmaker—used to be known as
   a. bureaucrat.  c. caseworker.
   b. middle man.  d. ward heeler.

16. The “modern-day” equivalent to this relationship described by Sam Rayburn is known as
   a. pork-barrel legislation.  c. logrolling.
   b. ward heeling.  d. casework.
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17. Sam Rayburn stated that the Congressman plays the role of ward heeler. Responsibilities associated with this role might include
   a. helping a citizen work through a government process.
   b. establishing close ties to top executives in corporations.
   c. ignoring phone calls and e-mail from average citizens.
   d. creating a committee aimed at reducing voter participation in elections.

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18. In this lawmaker’s opinion, this should be the most important influence on legislation.
   a. European diplomats
   b. ordinary citizens
   c. powerful CEOs
   d. government employees

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19. In this lawmaker’s opinion, the average citizen should be the most important person influencing legislation, namely because this individual
   a. knows the most about politics.
   b. donates more money to campaigns.
   c. votes.
   d. resists change.

20. Federal grants and contracts are very important to lawmakers and their districts because they bring in
   a. money and jobs.
   b. new people.
   c. more votes.
   d. presidential power.

Completion
Complete each statement.

21. Party voting is stronger on domestic issues, such as farm policy, than on ____________________ issues.
Matching

*Match each item with the correct statement below.*

a. pigeonholing          f. PAC
b. taxes                g. Social Security
c. logrolling            h. appropriation
d. economic issues      i. line-item veto
e. hearing              j. conference committee

___ 22. party voting is strong on these
___ 23. special-interest fundraising group
___ 24. lawmakers agreeing to support each other’s bills

*Match each item with the correct statement below.*

a. PAC                f. logrolling
b. earmark            g. entitlements
c. case worker        h. pigeonholing
d. joint resolutions  i. closed rule
e. THOMAS             j. taxes

___ 25. special-interest fundraising group
___ 26. lawmakers' staff member
___ 27. bans adding amendments to a bill on the floor
___ 28. electronic system for researching and tracking bills
___ 29. lawmakers supporting each other’s bills
Short Answer

Influences on Congress

30. According to the chart, Congress is influenced by many different forces. Which of these do you think has the greatest influence? Why?

Critical Thinking

31. **Making Inferences** In what ways do interest groups exert influence on members of Congress?
32. **Synthesizing** Explain why pork-barrel legislation and logrolling exist and how they affect government spending.

**Understanding Concepts**

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