2025 CIVICS TEST · 20 QUESTIONS

The 65/20 short list — the only 20 questions you are asked

If you are 65 or older and have been a permanent resident for 20 years or more, the officer may only ask from these 20 marked questions, and you need 6 right. This is that list, and nothing else.

Before your interview: About nine answers change with elections — the President, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, your governor, your senators. USCIS expects whoever holds the office on the day of your interview. Check the dated answers at practicecitizentest.com/answer-updates before you go.

American Government

PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

2. What is the supreme law of the land? ★ 65/20 LIST

- (U.S.) Constitution

7. How many amendments does the U.S. Constitution have? ★ 65/20 LIST

- Twenty-seven (27)

12. What is the economic system of the United States? ★ 65/20 LIST

- Capitalism
- Free market economy

SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

20. Name one power of the U.S. Congress. ★ 65/20 LIST

- Writes laws
- Declares war
- Makes the federal budget

30. What is the name of the Speaker of the House of Representatives now? ★ 65/20 LIST CHANGES WITH ELECTIONS

- Mike Johnson

36. The President of the United States is elected for how many years? ★ 65/20 LIST

- Four (4) years

38. What is the name of the President of the United States now? ★ 65/20 LIST CHANGES WITH ELECTIONS

- Donald Trump
- Donald J. Trump

39. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now? ★ 65/20 LIST CHANGES WITH ELECTIONS

- JD Vance
- J.D. Vance

44. Who vetoes bills? ★ 65/20 LIST

- The President (of the United States)

52. What is the highest court in the United States? ★ 65/20 LIST

- Supreme Court

61. Who is the governor of your state now? ★ 65/20 LIST

Your own answer — it depends on where you live. Look yours up at senate.gov, house.gov, and your state's own site. There is a page for every state at practicecitizentest.com/state.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

66. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance? ★ 65/20 LIST

- The United States
- The flag

American History

COLONIAL PERIOD AND INDEPENDENCE

74. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived? ★ 65/20 LIST

- American Indians
- Native Americans

78. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? ★ 65/20 LIST

- (Thomas) Jefferson

86. George Washington is famous for many things. Name one. ★ 65/20 LIST

- “Father of Our Country”
- First president of the United States
- General of the Continental Army
- President of the Constitutional Convention

THE 1800S

94. Abraham Lincoln is famous for many things. Name one. ★ 65/20 LIST

- Freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation)
- Saved (or preserved) the Union
- Led the United States during the Civil War
- 16th president of the United States
- Delivered the Gettysburg Address

RECENT AMERICAN HISTORY

113. Martin Luther King, Jr. is famous for many things. Name one. ★ 65/20 LIST

- Fought for civil rights
- Worked for equality for all Americans
- Worked to ensure that people would “not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character”

115. What major event happened on September 11, 2001 in the United States? ★ 65/20 LIST

- Terrorists attacked the United States
- Terrorists took over two planes and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York City
- Terrorists took over a plane and crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia
- Terrorists took over a plane originally aimed at Washington, D.C., and crashed in a field in Pennsylvania

Symbols and Holidays

SYMBOLS

121. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?

★ 65/20 LIST

- (Because there were) 13 original colonies
- (Because the stripes) represent the original colonies

HOLIDAYS

126. Name three national U.S. holidays.

★ 65/20 LIST

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Presidents Day (Washington's Birthday)
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

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