American Government First Exam Review Sheet

* This exam is made up of 100 multiple choice (MC) questions.
* You are responsible chapter 1, 3, 4 and the sections on the electoral college and pluralism from the rest of the book.
* You are responsible for everything that I cover in the lecture.
* Print the 100 question scantron from [**this website**](https://www.zipgrade.com/static/pdfs/ZipGrade100QuestionV2.pdf) (<https://www.zipgrade.com/static/pdfs/ZipGrade100QuestionV2.pdf>) and bring it with you. **Please do not fold the scantron.**

**Areas of Emphasis:**

1. What is the name of the powers exercised by both the Federal Government and States in the US Federal system?
2. What did the *McCulloch v. Maryland* was the first Supreme Court decision uphold?
3. According to elite theory, what is the purpose of democracy in the United States?
4. What is a mandate?
5. Is it constitutionally admissible for police to rough up illegal immigrants while arresting them? Why?
6. What are the various definitions of politics
7. What are the arguments against the use of the Federal system in the USA?
8. Who holds power in a confederation?
9. What is centralized federalism?
10. What statements prove that the Founding Fathers carried a coup d’etat
11. Why did the Founding Fathers create the Electoral College?
12. Can a state pass a law the denies the application of anti-discrimination laws to homosexuals? Why?
13. What are the features of a unitary form of government?
14. What is the mule-rider-carrot analogy?
15. Who provides police protection, regulation of divorce laws, and fire-fighting under federalism?
16. What is the purpose of government according to John Locke?
17. What was the New Jersey Plan?
18. What are the arguments in favor of the use of the Federal system in the USA?
19. Give an early example of grants?
20. What was the Virginia Plan?
21. How many levels does the US federal system have?
22. What is federalism?
23. What is an unfunded mandate?
24. What is cooperative federalism?
25. What were the Anti-Federalists complaints against the constitution?
26. How is Americans’ tax burden compared to other similarly advanced countries?
27. What is the social contract?
28. Who hold power in a unitary system of government?
29. What is a block grant?
30. What do stagnant wages prove to be accurate in Elite Theory?
31. Why did the Supreme Court rule against McCulloch in the case of MuCulloch v. Maryland?
32. Who were the democratically elected presidential candidates in 2000 and 2016?
33. What were the three compromises on slavery in the Constitution?
34. What is one of the most common questions asked in American Government?
35. What is the source of 25% of state and local government revenue?
36. What did the Supreme Court rule in McCulloch v. Maryland?
37. What are the federal cake metaphors?
38. What is secession?
39. Which chamber/branch of government was elected by the people when the Constitution was first created?
40. What are implied powers?
41. How are the number of electros determined for each state?
42. What is the relationship between a unitary form of government and democracy?
43. How did Shays’ Rebellion influence the thinking of American elites?
44. What is the primary cause of conflict according to the Founding Fathers.
45. Why did the Constitution prohibit states from printing their own currency?
46. What are the elements of a representative democracy?
47. What is a tariff?
48. What adjectives describe the Founding Fathers?
49. How does US spending on defense compare to other countries?
50. What was the Connecticut Plan?
51. What is inter-state commerce?
52. What is the three fifth compromise?
53. What is legitimacy?
54. What are the equal protection and due process clauses?
55. Who has power according to elite theory?
56. How does the federal government influence state behavior?
57. What kind of elites were the Anti-Federalists?
58. What was nullification?
59. What was the greatest crisis of American federalism?
60. What was dual federalism?
61. What power did the continental congress lack under the Articles of Confederation?
62. What factors lead to the creation of a federal form of government in a country?
63. How do elites influence government according to Elite theory?
64. What are delegated powers?
65. Give names of political elites
66. Give names of religious elites
67. What is the source of federal government grants?
68. What are the assumptions of Elite theory?
69. What are the assumptions of Pluralist theory?
70. What are public goods?
71. What is the constitutional source of implied powers?
72. What are the arguments in favor of federalism?
73. Which constitutional amendment orders states to guarantee individual liberty?
74. What are the problems associated with the Electoral College?
75. What is separation of powers?
76. Which document establishes government legitimacy in the USA?
77. What is a coup d’etat?
78. Who did Thomas Jefferson quote when he wrote the Declaration of Independence?
79. Why did the Founding Fathers hold the ratifying conventions quickly in the winter months?
80. What is the relationship between income/unemployment and college degrees in the USA?
81. What are the top three categories of federal spending?
82. What is the definition of representative democracy?