

Inauguration Day “Pre-Test”

Directions: Before Inauguration Day, January 20, 2008, answer the ten multiple-choice questions below to test your knowledge of presidential Inaugurations.

1. George Washington’s Inauguration, the United States’ first Presidential Inauguration, was held in _____ on April 30, 1789.
 - A) Philadelphia, PA
 - B) New York, NY
 - C) Washington, DC
 - D) Boston, MA
2. In the Presidential election of 1800, Republican Thomas Jefferson defeated Federalist President John Adams. Thomas Jefferson took office, moving power from the Federalists to the Republicans. This set the precedent for _____.
 - A) judicial review
 - B) federalism
 - C) peaceful transition of power
 - D) popular election
3. The 20th Amendment, which was ratified on January 23, 1933, did what?
 - A) Gave women the right to vote.
 - B) Set term limits for the President of the United States.
 - C) Established prohibition in the United States.
 - D) Decreased the amount of time between a Presidential election and the Inauguration.
4. Which part of the U.S. Constitution contains the oath of office?
 - A) Article I
 - B) Article II
 - C) Article III
 - D) Article IV
5. The oath of office that the President shall read at his/her swearing in ceremony is contained in the U.S. Constitution. Fill in the missing word from the oath of office below.

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and _____ the Constitution of the United States."

 - A) admire
 - B) revere
 - C) propagate
 - D) defend

6. Who administers the oath of office?
 - A) Speaker of the House
 - B) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - C) A former president
 - D) Vice President Dick Cheney

7. What is significant about the Bible Barack Obama will use at his swearing in ceremony?
 - A) Franklin Roosevelt used it to be sworn in.
 - B) It was imported from the Vatican in Rome.
 - C) Abraham Lincoln used it to be sworn in.
 - D) It has never been used before.

8. Which president delivered the longest Inaugural address?
 - A) William Henry Harrison
 - B) Thomas Jefferson
 - C) George Washington
 - D) George W. Bush

9. Whose Inauguration was the first to be televised?
 - A) Harry S. Truman
 - B) John F. Kennedy
 - C) Richard Nixon
 - D) Franklin Roosevelt

10. How many inaugural balls will President-elect Barack Obama host?
 - A) 5
 - B) 10
 - C) 15
 - D) 20

Answer Key:

- 1) B
- 2) C
- 3) D
- 4) B
- 5) D
- 6) B
- 7) C
- 8) A
- 9) A
- 10) B