**Cadet Citizenship Exam Study Notes**

**GOVERNMENT**

**A: Principles of American Democracy**

1. What is the supreme law of the land? ▪ the Constitution

2. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution? ▪ the Bill of Rights

3. How many amendments does the Constitution have? ▪ twenty-seven (27)

4. What does the Constitution do? ▪ sets up the government ▪ defines the government ▪ protects

basic rights of Americans

**B: System of Government**

5. How many years do a United States President serves in office? (4)

6. Who is in charge of the executive branch? ▪ the President   
7. How many U.S. Senators are there? ▪ one hundred (100

8. The House of Representatives has how many voting members? ▪ four hundred thirty-five (435)

9. We elect a President for how many years? ▪ four (4)

10. In what month do we vote for President?\* ▪ November

11. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States now? ▪ Joseph R. Biden, Jr. ▪ Joe

Biden ▪ Biden

12. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes President? ▪ the Vice President

13. Who signs bills to become laws? ▪ the President

14. Who vetoes bills? ▪ the President

15. What does the judicial branch do? ▪ reviews laws ▪ explains laws ▪ resolves disputes

(disagreements) ▪ decides if a law goes against the Constitution

16. What is the political party of the President now? ▪ Democratic (Party)

**C: Rights and Responsibilities**

17. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?\* ▪ eighteen (18) and older

18. How old do citizens have to be to run for President? Thirty-five (35) and older

**AMERICAN HISTORY A: Colonial Period and Independence**

19. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? ▪ (Thomas) Jefferson

20. Name the U.S. war between the North and the South. ▪ the Civil War ▪ the War between the

States

21. Name one problem that led to the Civil War. ▪ slavery ▪ economic reasons ▪ states’ rights

ates. ▪ Missouri (River) ▪ Mississippi (River)

89. What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States? ▪ Pacific (Ocean)

90. What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States? ▪ Atlantic (Ocean)

91. Name one U.S. territory. ▪ Puerto Rico ▪ U.S. Virgin Islands ▪ American Samoa ▪ Northern Mariana Islands ▪ Guam

92. Name one state that borders Canada. ▪ Maine ▪ New Hampshire ▪ Vermont ▪ New York ▪ Pennsylvania ▪ Ohio ▪ Michigan ▪ Minnesota ▪ North Dakota ▪ Montana ▪ Idaho ▪ Washington ▪ Alaska

93. Name one state that borders Mexico. ▪ California ▪ Arizona ▪ New Mexico ▪ Texas

94. What is the capital of the United States?\* ▪ Washington, D.C.

95. Where is the Statue of Liberty?\* ▪ New York (Harbor) ▪ Liberty Island [Also acceptable are New Jersey, near New York City, and on the Hudson (River).] -11- \* If you are 65 years old or older and have been a legal permanent resident of the United States for 20 or more years, you may study just the questions that have been marked with an asterisk. www.uscis.gov

**B: Symbols**

96. Why does the flag have 13 stripes? ▪ because there were 13 original colonies ▪ because the stripes represent the original colonies

97. Why does the flag have 50 stars?\* ▪ because there is one star for each state ▪ because each star represents a state ▪ because there are 50 states

98. What is the name of the national anthem? ▪ The Star-Spangled Banner

**C: Holidays**

99. When do we celebrate Independence Day?\* ▪ July 4

100. Name two national U.S. holidays. ▪ New Year’s Day ▪ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ▪ Presidents’ Day ▪ Memorial Day ▪ Independence Day ▪ Labor Day ▪ Columbus Day ▪ Veterans Day ▪ Thanksgiving ▪ Christmas