

**INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY
MID-TERM EXAM**

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- 1) _____ Since FDR, Democrats have traditionally been viewed as the party that favors federal power (New Deal, Civil Rights) while Republicans have been seen as the champions of states' rights. However, over the last ten years, things have turned upside down as Republicans have mostly dominated over Democrats in federal elections. In reaction against President Trump and a mostly Republican Congress since the 2010 mid-term elections, many Republicans now favor federal power and many liberals now favor states' rights. Some liberal states have reacted against Republican dominance at the federal level by enacting a liberal agenda at the state level that includes free public college, Sanctuary City support for undocumented residents, strong environmental protection, legal pot, greater healthcare funding, and higher minimum wage laws. These partisan power shifts in our federalist system are referred to as
 - a) Progressive Federalism
 - b) Dual Federalism
 - c) New Federalism
 - d) Cooperative Federalism

- 2) _____ A policy that involves deliberate efforts by the government to shift the allocation of wealth, income, property, or rights among broad classes of groups such as the rich and the poor is referred to as a
 - a) regulatory policy
 - b) redistributive policy
 - c) distributive policy
 - d) symbolic policy

- 3) _____ At which stage in the policy-making process would questions involving “the Top Down Approach” or “the Bottom Up Approach” be discussed?
 - a) agenda setting
 - b) policy formulation
 - c) policy implementation
 - d) policy evaluation

- 4) _____ Cobb and Elder argue that there is a systemic agenda and an institutional agenda.
A systemic agenda
- a) involves issues that quickly dominate the agenda because of unexpected crisis
 - b) involves issues that are put on the agenda because they represent the policy preferences of influential elected officials
 - c) involves issues that are considered long-term problems and almost always on the national agenda, such as the issues of crime and education
 - d) involves issues that are put on the agenda by political elites
- 5) _____ Joseph Nye introduced the concept of _____ in the late 1980s. For Nye, _____ is the states ability to influence the behavior of other nations because its culture and political values are admired
- a) hard power
 - b) soft power
 - c) familial power
 - d) peaceful power
- 6) _____ In our class reading called “Prius or Pickup” the authors say that our hyper-partisan political culture has led to the “politicization of everything” from the cars we drive (Prius or pick-up), the coffee we drink (Starbucks v Dunkin Donuts), the pets we keep (dogs v cats), and our parenting philosophy (obedience v self-reliance). They argued one can probably predict the ideology of a person based on these four behavioral traits. They said a person is most likely to be liberal if they prefer these four things
- a) Prius, Starbucks, Cats, and Self-Reliance
 - b) Prius, Dunkin Donuts, Dogs, and Self-Reliance
 - c) Pick-up Trucks, Dunkin Donuts, Cats, Obedience
 - d) Prius, Dunkin Donuts, Cats, Obedience
- 7) _____ _____ invented the concept of _____, used to critique the iron triangle model of policy formulation. His concept argues each policy has a distinct alliance of policy entrepreneurs that could include interest groups, think tanks, political, and business interests that influence how policy changes are made.... And these actors vary depending upon the policy....so the influential actors in healthcare will be very different from the influential actors in environmental policy....each policy has its own political culture of actors that influence it.
- a) John Kingdonagenda setting
 - b) Hugh Heclo.....issue networks
 - c) David Mayhew.....divided government
 - d) David Wildavsky....implementation

8) _____ Relations between the United States and China are at a low point. Some scholars believe it is quite possible that tensions between the two countries could lead to military conflict. All of the following are considered **serious and imminent** clashes that could lead to conflict except?

- a) Trade tensions that include copyright infringement and other issues resulting in U.S. tariffs against Chinese goods
- b) Potential conflict in the South China Sea, where China might attempt to push the U.S. Seventh Naval Fleet out of the region in order to establish regional hegemony
- c) Disagreements stemming from China pulling out of the Paris Climate Change Treaty
- d) Democratic demonstrations in Hong Kong that China believes is being instigated by the U.S.

9) _____ Shay's Rebellion in 1786 was significant in part because it caused a nudge away from the Articles of Confederation system and helped to inspire the Constitutional Convention. Why were the Massachusetts residents revolting?

- a) to secure voting rights
- b) to prevent the state from seizing their farms
- c) to secure religious liberties
- d) to secure free speech rights

10) _____ _____ The opium wars were two wars in the mid-19th Century that resulted in China losing territorial sovereignty. In these wars China lost _____ to _____

- a) Taiwan to the United States
- b) Hong Kong to the United States
- c) Taiwan to Britain
- d) Hong Kong to Britain

11) _____ Legislators are required to sponsor legislation, they are not required to author legislation. Some controversial policies are simply copy and pasted from one state legislature to the next. Some of these copy and pasted bills are controversial because they are racially tinged, such as stand your ground laws and recent anti-protest laws. These types of copy and pasted laws are also referred to as

- a) Model Legislation
- b) Race-Baiting Legislation
- c) Corporate Legislation
- d) Populist Legislation

- 12) _____ There are now over one million Uighurs in Chinese detention camps because they are Muslims. The Uighurs are mostly located in the Northwest province of China. Which of the follow accurately defines the Uighurs?
- a) Uighurs are ethnic Egyptian minorities
 - b) Uighurs are ethnic Saudi minorities
 - c) Uighurs are ethnic Palestinian minorities
 - d) Uighurs are ethnic Turkish minorities
- 13) _____ There are now more unaffiliated voters than voters who belong to either the Republican or Democratic Party. This term reflects the view that many people who belong to a party don't necessarily have strong positive feelings toward their party as much as they have strong negative views of the opposing party. In other words the glue holding parties together might be the hatred members feel for the other party. This concept is referred to as
- a) Partisan polarization
 - b) Bipartisanship
 - c) Negative partisanship
 - d) Hyper polarization
- 14) _____ According to Kingdon's model, the stream that includes such items as election results, assassination attempts, changes in presidential administrations, swings in the public mood is referred to as
- a) the problem stream
 - b) the policy stream
 - c) the political stream
 - d) the distributive stream
- 15) _____ Madison's Federalist Paper # 10 is widely regarded as America's greatest contribution to political theory. Madison's primary concern focused on how a system of government can allow for majority rule while remaining sensitive to minority rights. What did Madison recommend to "control the effects" of majority factions?
- a) a Federalist System and a Representative democracy
 - b) a Confederacy and Direct Democracy
 - c) a strong Executive and frequent elections
 - d) a Confederacy and a strong Judiciary

16) _____ One of the main arguments against the U.S. remaining in Nato is it could lead to war with Russia because some Baltic states that used to be part of the Soviet Union are now members of Nato. Some warn that Russian leader Putin might invade one of the Baltic countries in order to reclaim the Russian empire. What are the names of the three Baltic States that are now members of Nato?

- a) Latvia, Belarus, Lithuania
- b) Belarus, Estonia, Latvia
- c) Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania
- d) Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania

17) _____ In some ways Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders are similar in that they both tend to frame politics as a struggle between the powerful and sometimes corrupt political establishment vs. the ordinary person. Bernie Sanders tends to rail against billionaires who corrupt our political system by giving campaign funds to elected officials so that they enact policies that benefit the wealthy and well-connect rather than the average person. This would suggest that Bernie Sanders can be described as a

- a) right wing populist
- b) left wing populist
- c) right wing egalitarian
- d) left wing extremist

18) _____ The U.S. now has 800 military bases across the globe. Many of these bases are mostly used to store equipment since the U.S. military is able to move a large number of people across the globe without much difficulty. This approach of having more bases that leave less of a foot print on host countries is referred to as

- a) NSC-68 Strategy
- b) Flexible Response
- c) Detente
- d) Lily-pad Strategy

19) _____ _____ Article V of the Nato alliance treaty calls on member states to come to the aid of other member states if attacked. Article V has only been invoked once over the 70 years of Nato's existence. Article V was invoked when....

- a) Russia invaded Latvia in 2014
- b) Soviets invade Hungary during Hungarian Revolution of 1956
- c) al-Qaeda attacked the U.S. in 2001
- d) Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979

- 20) _____ According to Down's "issue-attention cycle" the cycle that produces euphoric enthusiasm to quickly solve a problem is referred to as
- a) the realization of costs stage
 - b) the alarmed discovery stage
 - c) the post-problem stage
 - d) the policy problem stage
- 21) _____ The US was unable to create a multilateral alliance system in Asia as it did in Europe through Nato because Asian countries had competing goals and because the U.S. did not have a long history of relationships with many Asian countries. Accordingly, the U.S. developed separate bilateral alliances with major post-war Asian allies. This diplomatic approach was referred to as the
- a) Sweet and Sour system
 - b) Hub and Spoke system
 - c) Knife and Fork system
 - d) Hammer and Nail system
- 22) _____ While New Jersey leads the nation in the percentage of foreign born residents, it is also a very segregated state. One recent study found that New Jersey is the fourth most segregated state in the nation, behind only Illinois, Maryland, and New York. It is difficult for the State of New Jersey to desegregate schools statewide because local governments have a lot of political power and can block desegregation plans if they choose. This power is given to local government by the New Jersey legislature and is referred to as
- a) Home Rule
 - b) Dillons Rule
 - c) Town Rule
 - d) Municipal Rule
- 23) _____ Many believe that "Iron Triangles" are important in explaining policymaking in the United States. Which three agencies make up this iron triangle?
- a) interest groups, congressional committees, and administrative agencies
 - b) local governments, state governments, and federal governments
 - c) Congress, President, and the Judiciary
 - d) businesses, unions, and voters

- 24) ____ Federalist Paper #51 argues for a system of checks and balances in order to ensure that the ambition of one branch of government is checked by another branch of government. Which of the following statements **is not true**?
- a) Federal judges are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate
 - b) The President can overrule Supreme Court decisions
 - c) Congress can overturn presidential vetoes with a 2/3 vote
 - d) The Supreme Court can strike down federal and state laws that violate the Constitution
- 25) ____ Perhaps one of the reasons for the increased attention on immigration issues in the 2016 campaign and beyond stems from the shifting demographic in the United States. In recent presidential elections non-whites (Asians, Hispanics and Africans-Americans) have increasingly voted for Democratic candidates while whites (especially white males) have increasingly voted for Republican candidates. Approximately what percentage of the vote in the 2020 presidential election was cast by non-white voters?
- a) 12%
 - b) 22%
 - c) 33%
 - d) 48%
- 26) ____ The Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) transformed American society and was successfully implemented in part because the benefactors of the ADA, namely the disabled, strongly supported the Act and played an active role in every step of the implementation process. The ADA prohibits discrimination against the disabled in all areas of public life and ordered private business to make reasonable accommodation for the disabled, such as building wheelchair entry ramps and retrofitting public bathrooms to expand access. This type of policy is considered a
- a) Regulatory Policy
 - b) Zero-Sum Policy
 - c) Distributive Policy
 - d) Re-Distributive Policy
- 27) ____ Grass-roots movements like the #MeTooMovement and Black Lives Matters are political powerful because they form organically at the street level and tap into hidden resentments that grow into strong political movements because people genuinely feel passionately about the issue. Sometimes well financed groups like the Pharmaceutical or Oil industries pay people to protest on their behalf to create the impression that average people are passionate about an issue important to the industry. In other words, the people protesting don't really care about the issue, they are only protesting for cash payment. This lobbying strategy is called
- a) Astroturf lobbying
 - b) Street lobbying
 - c) Pluralist lobbying
 - d) Direct lobbying

- 28) _____ Non-agenda setting takes place when an issue is either suffocated before it is publicly aired or attacked and killed off before it can gain access to relevant decision makers. Which policy analysts are typically associated with the concept of non-agenda setting?
- a) Kingdon and Downs
 - b) Kaldor and Hicks
 - c) Pressman and Wildavsky
 - d) Bachrach and Baratz
- 29) _____ Without much consequence, Russian President Vladimir Putin invaded and successfully took over this territory in 2014.
- a) Crimea, Ukraine
 - b) Sofia, Bulgaria
 - c) Minsk, Belarus
 - d) Riga, Latvia
- 30) _____ George Washington's Farewell address was important in helping to guide our young nation into the 19th Century. In this address, Washington warned future generation of Americans against all of the following except
- a) pursuing an isolationist foreign policy strategy
 - b) forming political parties
 - c) forming entangling alliances with European powers
 - d) forming permanent alliances

ESSAY QUESTIONS - (please only answer TWO of Three)

- 1) Public Policy is an overview of the policy making process viewed as a sequence of functional activities, beginning with the problem identification and agenda setting stage and concluding with the evaluation stage. The agenda setting stage is particularly important because it determines which policies are being considered and which policies are not being considered by the government. First, explain why the problem identification/problem definition stage of agenda setting is so important. Second, briefly explain Kingdon's model of agenda setting. Lastly, briefly explain Anthony Downs' model of agenda setting. (20 Points)**
- 2) Policy Formulation and Policy Implementation are also critically important stages of the policy process. First, briefly explain the differences between distributive, redistributive, and regulatory policies and explain which types of policies tend to be the most controversial and why. Second, some copy and paste type legislation created by the group American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) has made a big impact across states. Some ALEC backed laws have also been very controversial. Explain why recent stand your ground or recent anti-protest laws are seen as racially tinged laws. Third, one of the most successful policies ever to be implemented is the American with Disabilities Act. What did this act do and how was the reasonable accommodation standard interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court in the PGA v Martin case. (20 Points)**
- 4) Responsibilities for guarding national security and war powers were divided by the Framers of the Constitution between Congress and the President. Some have even argued that the Framers envisioned these powers as an "invitation to struggle" between these two branches. A) First, briefly explain George Washington's foreign policy orientation as outlined in his Farewell Address. B) How do Donald Trump and Joe Biden differ with respect to their view of the U.S. role in the world? C) Do you believe the U.S. should remain in Nato? Please be sure to discuss the Nato Treaty's Article 5, the expansion of Nato, and whether you believe Russia is likely to invade the Baltic states (20 Points).**

