U.S. Government Name:

Mrs. Barnes

Study Guide—Final Exam

Terms:

Power/Authority

State of Nature

Thomas Hobbes

John Locke

Baron de Montesquieu

Jean Jacques Rousseau

Rule of Law

Individual Rights

Natural Rights

Separation of Powers

Federalism

Constitution

Preamble

Bill of Rights

Civil Liberties/Civil Rights

Liberal/Conservative

Moderate

Political Parties

Democrat/Republican

PAC/Interest Group

Electoral College

Popular Vote

Media/Public Opinion

Legislative Branch

House of Representatives

Senate

Gerrymandering

Filibuster

Executive Branch

President

Judicial Branch

Supreme Court

Judicial Review

Soft Power Tools

Hard Power Tools

Questions:

1. Explain the five sources of power: formal authority, expertise, coercion, rewards, persuasion
2. Explain the five political games people play: Horse Trading, Power Struggle, Demolition Derby, Walkout, Civil Disobedience
3. Identify who has power/authority in each of the following types of government: representative democracy, theocracy, dictatorship, monarchy, anarchy
4. What are natural rights? Which philosopher is tied to this idea?
5. What are the four main sections of the Declaration of Independence? (How is it structured?) Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
6. How is the Constitution structured (identify ALL articles)? Which section is the longest? Why is this so?
7. Identify the three branches of government. List at least one way in which each branch **checks the power** of the other two branches.
8. What is the Bill of Rights? List and explain the first ten amendments to the Constitution.
9. What is federalism? How does it work? What are delegated, reserved, and concurrent powers?
10. Where do liberals, conservatives, and moderates fall on the political spectrum?
11. What are basic principles of liberal ideology?
12. What are basic principles of conservative ideology?
13. What role do interest groups play in American democracy? How can interest groups be good for democracy? How can interest groups be bad for democracy?
14. Explain the four types of citizens: Electoral Specialists, Civic Specialists, Dual Activists, Disengaged
15. Identify all the ways in which Americans get their news today.
16. What does the concept “270 to win” mean? How does the Electoral College work?
17. What are the primary powers of congress?`
18. What are the 8 “roles” of the president? Give an example of each
19. How many justices serve on the Supreme Court?
20. Define: civil law, criminal law, constitutional law. Give examples of cases that would fit each type.
21. What is foreign policy? What are basic foreign policy goals?
22. Identify and explain **soft power tools**.
23. Identify and explain **hard power tools**.
24. With the U.S. in disagreement over the election, why should people temper their anger or excitement over the Trump presidency? Name four checks and balances that would occur if Trump tried to pass a controversial piece of legislation.
25. In attempting to protect the American people, explain four positives or negatives about our judicial system.
26. Describe why the ideals of the American Colonists still hold true in today’s society.
27. Explain using two events from today about how the Bill of Rights protects the rights of the people, even if they are in the minority.

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