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**Creation of the Two-Party System Quiz**

1. \_\_\_\_\_What is a political party’s core function?

**A** To organize a national office

**B** To guide policymaking decisions

**C** To organize fundraising events

**D** To try and win elections

1. \_\_\_\_\_Although minor parties rarely have a chance to win elections, they do which of the following?

**A** They promote a broad range of moderate policy ideas

**B** They will replace one of the major parties during realignment

**C** They can affect election outcomes

**D** They have no impact on the political process

1. \_\_\_\_\_A difference in primaries and caucuses is which of the following?

**A** Participation in caucuses is much lower than turnout for primaries

**B** Caucuses occur in more states than primaries

**C** Participants must register to participate in a caucus

**D** Media attention is more important in the caucuses

1. \_\_\_\_\_In certain states, if a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes in a primary election, the candidate must campaign for which of the following?

**A** Party election

**B** Runoff election

**C** Winner take all election

**D** Majority election

1. \_\_\_\_\_Which of the following events caused politics to shift towards a more candidate-centered politics?

**A** World War I

**B** World War II

**C** Vietnam War

**D** September 11th

1. \_\_\_\_\_Which of the following factors contributes most to the cost of a campaign?

**A** Direct-mail pamphlets

**B** Printing posters and campaign paraphernalia

**C** Hiring campaign organizers

**D** Television advertising

1. \_\_\_\_\_The first two political parties in the US are considered to be which of the following?

**A** The Democrats and the Republicans

**B** The Democratic-Republicans and the Federalists

**C** The Whigs and the Federalists

**D** The Federalists and the Anti-Federalists

1. \_\_\_\_\_All of the following citizens supported the New Deal Coalition except?

**A** Urban elite

**B** Labor unions

**C** Jews

**D** Southerners

1. \_\_\_\_\_Which statement best describes a political machine?

**A** Used by citizens to influence the selection of political leaders or the polices in whichthey pursue

**B** A type of political party organization that relies heavily on material inducements, suchas patronage, to win votes and to govern

**C** The process through which individuals in a society acquire political attitudes, views,and knowledge

**D** The process by which we select our political leaders

1. \_\_\_\_\_Who is responsible for the election of the President and Vice-President of the US?

**A** The Senate

**B** The House of Representatives

**C** The Electoral College

**D** The Supreme Court

1. \_\_\_\_\_How many electoral votes must a candidate receive in order to be elected President of the US?

**A** 50

**B** 435

**C** 270

**D** 271

1. \_\_\_\_\_The US is a two-party system because most elections are considered to be which of the following?

**A** Winner-Take-All elections

**B** Majority elections

**C** Proportional elections

**D** Representative elections

1. \_\_\_\_\_All of the following statements describe local political parties except?

**A** They do not influence the parties at the state and national levels

**B** They are considered to be the foot soldiers of the state and national parties

**C** They are funded by the state and national parties

**D** They are responsible for the organization of grassroots movements

1. \_\_\_\_\_The primary function of a Political Action Committee is which of the following?

**A** Create television ads for political candidates during election season

**B** Organize volunteers

**C** Help raise and spend money to influence an election

**D** Develop campaign slogans

1. \_\_\_\_\_Which of the following statements is incorrect?

**A** Campaigns reinforce and activate people to become involved in the political process

**B** Incumbents have a substantial advantage over competing candidates

**C** Campaigns have little to no effect on people who are affiliate with a political party

**D** Most people pay little attention to campaigns