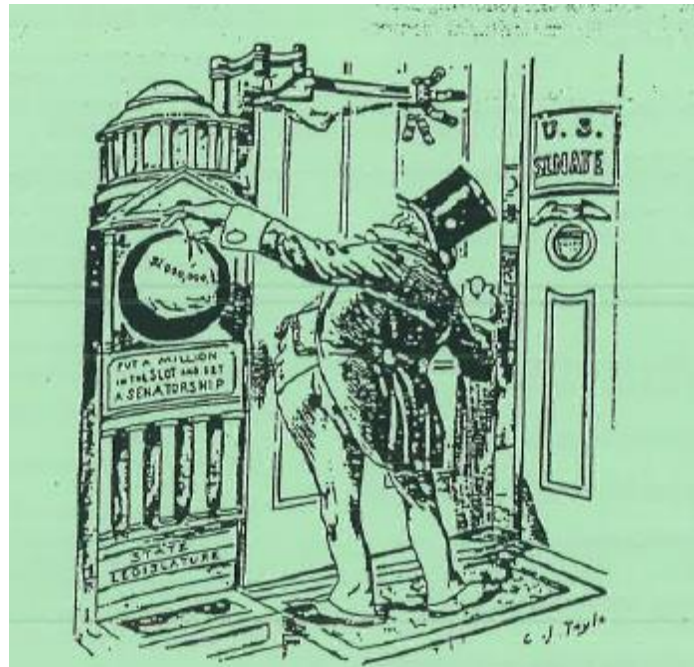


**AP Government and Politics
Released Exam Questions related to Congressional Elections**



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39. The subject of the cartoon above that is no longer a part of the American political system is the
- (A) role of state legislatures in electing United States senators
 - (B) role of money in influencing the outcome of an election
 - (C) election of millionaires to the Senate
 - (D) high cost of running for the Senate
 - (E) role of special interests in campaigns for state legislatures

59. Which of the following Supreme Court cases involved the principle of "one person, one vote"?
- (A) *Baker v. Carr*
 - (B) *Roe v. Wade*
 - (C) *Mapp v. Ohio*
 - (D) *Korematsu v. United States*
 - (E) *Gideon v. Wainwright*

24. All of the following are reasons incumbents in the House of Representatives enjoy an electoral advantage over challengers EXCEPT that incumbents
- (A) get substantial financial support from their party's national committee
 - (B) are better known to voters than are challengers
 - (C) find it much easier to raise campaign funds than do challengers
 - (D) can use staff members to do constituent service
 - (E) often serve on committees that enable them to help the constituency
37. Elections for the House of Representatives provide
- (A) approximately equal representation for every voter
 - (B) an equal chance of getting elected for both incumbents and challengers
 - (C) a system in which only those candidates who receive a majority of the votes cast win on the first ballot
 - (D) proportional representation based on the percentage of votes cast for each party
 - (E) proportional representation of racial and ethnic minorities
43. Which of the following has the most influence on the outcome of a congressional election?
- (A) Local performance of a candidate's party in the presidential race
 - (B) A candidate's incumbency status
 - (C) The amount of a candidate's campaign spending relative to that of his or her opponent
 - (D) The level of support from local party leaders
 - (E) The level of voter turnout

57. Which of the following statements about incumbent senators running for reelection is correct?
- (A) The senators with the best chances of reelection are those who have served the longest.
 - (B) The amount of money spent by a challenger has little bearing on an incumbent's reelection chances.
 - (C) Incumbent senators are less likely to be reelected than are incumbent members of the House of Representatives.
 - (D) An incumbent senator is equally likely to be reelected or defeated.
 - (E) The most important factor influencing the reelection chances of senators is whether they belong to the President's party.

28. In the 1992 election, the membership of Congress was altered significantly by an increase in the number of

- (A) conservative Democrats
- (B) liberal Republicans
- (C) third-party representatives ✓
- (D) political independents
- (E) minorities and women

34. The advantages of incumbency in congressional elections include which of the following?

- I. Incumbents receive more campaign contributions than do challengers.
 - II. Incumbents are able to provide important services for individual voters.
 - III. The government provides campaign funds for incumbents.
 - IV. The President usually endorses incumbents for reelection.
 - V. Most American voters believe Congress does a good job.
- (A) I and II only
 - (B) III and IV only
 - (C) I, IV, and V only
 - (D) II, III, and V only
 - (E) III, IV, and V only

24. Which of the following is generally true of the gerrymandering of congressional districts?
- (A) It results in more Democrats being elected to the House.
 - (B) It results in more Republicans being elected to the House.
 - (C) It guarantees that all minority parties will be equally represented.
 - (D) It creates districts that favor one political party over another.
 - (E) It violates the principle of one-person, one-vote.

35. An electoral system based on single-member districts is usually characterized by
- (A) strong, centralized political parties and a weak executive
 - (B) higher rates of voter turnout than are common in other systems
 - (C) legislative representation of each party in proportion to the number of votes it receives
 - (D) domination of the legislature by two political parties
 - (E) ideological rather than mass-based parties

56. Which of the following is the leading predictor of how an individual will vote in a congressional election?
- (A) Newspaper endorsements
 - (B) Gender
 - (C) Partisanship
 - (D) Presidential endorsement
 - (E) Occupation