

The Immigration and Nationality Act requires all applicants for United States Citizenship be able to read and write English and demonstrate knowledge of American government and civics.

The sample questions and answers are provided to assist in your studies. While these represent the most common questions asked, other questions or variations of these questions are used as well. The Government Printing Office has a series of books available which we recommend you study. They are *History Level 1* and *Government Level 1*, and are available for sale at the Government Bookstore at 810 Travis, Houston, Texas (713) 228-1187.

## **Sample Naturalization Examination Questions**

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1. What are the colors of our flag and what do they stand for?  
Red for courage, white for truth, and blue for justice
2. How many stars are there on our flag?  
Fifty (50) stars
3. What color are the stars on our flag?  
White
4. What do the stars on the flag mean?  
One for each state in the union
5. How many stripes are on the flag?  
Thirteen (13)
6. What color are the stripes?  
Red and white
7. What do the stripes on the flag mean?  
They represent the original thirteen states.
8. How many states are there in the union?  
Fifty (50)
9. What is the 4th of July?  
Independence Day

10. What is the date of Independence Day?  
July 4<sup>th</sup>
11. Independence from whom?  
England
12. What country did we fight during the Revolutionary War?  
England
13. Who was the first President of the United States?  
George Washington
14. Who is the President of United States today?  
George W. Bush
15. Who is the Vice President of the United States today?  
Dick Cheney
16. Who elects the President of the United States?  
The Electoral College
17. Who becomes President of the United States if the President should die?  
Vice President
18. For how long do we elect the President?  
Four (4) years
19. What is the constitution?  
The supreme law of the land
20. Can the constitution be changed?  
Yes
21. What do we call a change to the constitution?  
An amendment
22. How many changes or amendments are there to the constitution?  
Twenty-seven (27)
23. How many branches are there in our government?  
Three (3)
24. What are the three branches of our government?  
Legislative, to make the laws;  
Executive, to carry out the laws; and  
Judiciary, to interpret the laws.

25. What is the legislative branch of our government?  
Congress
26. Who makes the laws in the United States?  
Congress
27. What is Congress?  
The Senate and the House of Representatives
28. What are the duties of congress?  
To make laws.
29. Who elects congress?  
The people
30. How many senators are there in congress?  
One hundred (100)
31. Can you name the two senators from your state? (Texas)  
Kay Bailey Hutchinson and John Cornyn
32. For how long do we elect each senator?  
Six (6) years
33. How many representatives are there in congress?  
Four hundred thirty-five (435)
34. For how long do we elect the representatives?  
Two (2) years
35. What is the executive branch of our government?  
The President, cabinet, and departments under the members of cabinet
36. What is the judiciary branch of our government?  
The Supreme Court
37. What are the duties of the Supreme Court?  
To interpret laws
38. What is the supreme law of the United States?  
The constitution
39. What is the Bill of Rights?  
The first 10 amendments to the constitution
40. What is the capital of your state?  
Austin, Texas

41. Who is the current governor of (Texas) your state?  
Rick Perry
42. Who becomes President of the U.S.A. if the President and vice President should die?  
Speaker of the House of Representatives
43. Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?  
John Roberts
44. Name the thirteen original states?  
Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, new jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island, and Maryland
45. Who said: "Give me liberty or give me death?"  
Patrick Henry
46. Which countries were our enemies during World War II?  
Germany, Italy, and Japan
47. What are the 49th and 50th states of the union?  
Hawaii and Alaska
48. How many terms can a President serve?  
Two (2)
49. Who was Martin Luther King, Jr.?  
A civil rights leader
50. Who is the head of your local government?  
Mayor, Bill White
51. According to the constitution, a person must meet certain requirements in order to be eligible to become President. Name one of these requirements.  
Must be natural-born citizen of the United States;  
Must be at least 35 years old by the time he/she will serve;  
Must have lived in the United States for at least 14 years.
52. Why are there 100 senators in the senate?  
Two (2) from each state
53. Who selects the Supreme Court justices?  
Appointed by the President
54. How many Supreme Court justices are there?  
Nine (9)

55. Why did the pilgrims come to America?  
For religious freedom
56. What is the head executive of a state government called?  
Governor
57. What is the head executive of a city government called?  
Mayor
58. What holiday was celebrated for the first time by the American colonists?  
Thanksgiving
59. Who was the main writer of the declaration of independence?  
Thomas Jefferson
60. When was the declaration of independence adopted?  
July 4, 1776
61. What is the basic belief of the declaration of independence?  
That all men are created equal
62. What is the national anthem of the United States?  
*The Star Spangled Banner*
63. Who wrote *The Star Spangled Banner*?  
Francis Scott Key
64. Where does freedom of speech come from?  
The Bill of Rights.
65. What is the minimum voting age in the United States?  
Eighteen (18)
66. Who signs bills into law?  
The President
67. What is the highest court in the United States?  
The Supreme Court
68. Who was President during the civil war?  
Abraham Lincoln
69. What did the emancipation proclamation do?  
Freed many slaves
70. What special group advises the President?  
The Cabinet

71. Which President is called "the father of our country"?  
George Washington

72. What citizenship and immigration service form is used to apply for naturalized citizenship?  
Form N-400 (application for naturalization)

73. Who helped the pilgrims in America?  
The American Indians (Native Americans)

74. What is the name of the ship that brought the pilgrims to America?  
The *Mayflower*

75. What were the 13 original states of the United States called?  
Colonies

76. Name 3 rights or freedoms guaranteed by the bill of rights.

- (a) Freedom of speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly and requesting change of government;
- (b) The right to bear arms (the right to have weapons or own a gun, subject to regulations);
- (c) The government may not house soldiers in citizen's homes during peacetime without their consent;
- (d) The government may not search or take a person's property without a search warrant;
- (e) A person may not be tried twice for the same crime and does not have to testify against him/herself;
- (f) A person charged with a crime has the right to a fair trial and to have a lawyer;
- (g) The right to trial by jury, in most cases;
- (h) Protection of people against excessive or unreasonable fines or cruel and unusual punishment;
- (i) The people have rights other than those mentioned in the constitution; and
- (j) Any power not given to the federal government by the constitution is a power of either the states or the people.

77. Who has the power to declare war?  
Congress

78. What kind of government does the United States have?  
Republican

79. Which President freed the slaves?  
Abraham Lincoln

80. In what year was the constitution written?  
1787

81. What are the first 10 amendments to the constitution called?  
The Bill of Rights
82. Name one purpose of the United Nations  
For countries to discuss and try to resolve world problems; to provide economic aid to many countries
83. Where does congress meet?  
In the capitol in Washington , D.C.
84. Whose rights are guaranteed by the constitution and the bill of rights?  
Everyone (citizens and non-citizens) living in the U.S.
85. What is the introduction to the constitution called?  
The preamble
86. Name one benefit of being a citizen of the United States  
Obtain federal government jobs; travel with a U.S. passport;  
Petition for close relatives to come to the U.S. to live
87. What is the most important right granted to U.S. citizens?  
The right to vote
88. What is the United States capitol?  
The place where Congress meets
89. What is the White House?  
The President's official home
90. Where is the White House located?  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Northwest, Washington, D.C.
91. What is the name of the President's official home?  
The White House
92. Name one right guaranteed by the first amendment.  
Freedom of: speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly, and requesting change of the government
93. Who is the commander-in-chief of the U.S. military?  
The President
94. Which President was the first commander-in-chief of the U.S. military?  
George Washington.

95. In what month do we vote for the President?  
November
96. In what month is the new President inaugurated?  
January
97. How many times may a senator be re-elected?  
There is no limit
98. How many times may a congressman be re-elected?  
There is no limit
99. What are the 2 major political parties in the U.S. today?  
Democratic and Republican
100. How many states are there in the United States?  
Fifty (50)

### Oath Of Allegiance

I HEREBY DECLARE, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty of who or which I have hereto been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I will take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; SO HELP ME GOD. In acknowledgement whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

### Sample Sentences For Written English Testing

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| CIVICS/HISTORY   | EVERYDAY LIFE                     |
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| A Senator is elected for 6 years.                              | He came to live with his brother. |
| <u>Dick Cheney</u> is the Vice President of the United States. | He has a very big dog.            |
| All people want to be free.                                    | He knows how to ride a bike.      |
| America is the land of freedom.                                | He wanted to find a job.          |
| All United States citizens have the right to vote.             | He wanted to talk to his boss     |
| America is the home of the brave.                              | He went to the post office.       |
| America is the land of the free.                               | His wife is at work right now.    |
| <u>George W. Bush</u> is the President of the United States.   | His wife worked in the house.     |

| CIVICS/HISTORY  | EVERYDAY LIFE  |
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| <p>Citizens have the right to vote.</p> <p>Congress is part of the American government.</p> <p>Congress meets in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Congress passes laws in the United States.</p> <p>George Washington was the first president.</p> <p>I want to be a citizen of the United States.</p> <p>I want to be an American citizen.</p> <p>I want to become an American so I can vote.</p> <p>It is important for all citizens to vote.</p> <p>Many people come to America for freedom.</p> <p>Many people have died for freedom.</p> <p>Martha Washington was the first lady.</p> <p>Only Congress can declare war.</p> <p>Our Government is divided into three branches.</p> <p>People in America have the right to freedom.</p> <p>People vote for the President in November.</p> <p>The American flag has stars and stripes.</p> <p>The American flag has 13 stripes.</p> <p>The capital of the United States is Washington, D.C.</p> <p>The colors of the flag are red, white, and blue.</p> <p>The Constitution is the supreme law of our land.</p> <p>The flag of the United States has 50 stars.</p> <p>The House and Senate are parts of Congress.</p> <p>The people have a voice in Government.</p> <p>The people in the class took a citizenship test.</p> <p>The President enforces the laws.</p> <p>The President has the power of veto.</p> <p>The President is elected every 4 years.</p> <p>The President lives in the White House.</p> <p>The President lives in Washington, D.C.</p> | <p>I am too busy to talk today.</p> <p>I bought a blue car today.</p> <p>I came to _____ (city) today for my interview.</p> <p>I count the cars as they pass by the office.</p> <p>I drive a blue car to work.</p> <p>I go to work everyday.</p> <p>I have three children.</p> <p>I know how to speak English.</p> <p>I live in the State of _____ .</p> <p>I want to be a United States citizen.</p> <p>It is a good job to start with.</p> <p>My car does not work.</p> <p>She can speak English very well.</p> <p>She cooks for her friends.</p> <p>She is my daughter, and he is my son.</p> <p>She needs to buy some new clothes.</p> <p>She wanted to live near her brother.</p> <p>She was happy with her house.</p> <p>The boy threw a ball.</p> <p>The children bought a newspaper.</p> <p>The children play at school.</p> <p>The children wanted a television.</p> <p>The man wanted to get a job.</p> <p>The teacher was proud of her class.</p> <p>The white house has a big tree.</p> <p>They are a very happy family.</p> <p>They are very happy with their car.</p> <p>They buy many things at the store.</p> <p>They came to live in the United States.</p> |

| CIVICS/HISTORY   | EVERYDAY LIFE  |
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| <p>The President must be an American citizen.</p> <p>The President must be born in the United States.</p> <p>The President signs bills into law.</p> <p>The stars of the American flag are white.</p> <p>The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France.</p> <p>The stripes of the American flag are red and white.</p> <p>The White House is in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>The United States flag is red, white and blue.</p> <p>The United States of America has 50 states.</p> <p>There are 50 states in the Union.</p> <p>There are three branches of Government.</p> | <p>They go to the grocery store.</p> <p>They have horses on their farm.</p> <p>They live together in a big house.</p> <p>They work well together.</p> <p>Today I am going to the store.</p> <p>Today is a sunny day.</p> <p>Warm clothing was on sale in the store.</p> <p>We are very smart to learn this.</p> <p>We have a very clean house.</p> <p>You cook very well.</p> <p>You drink too much coffee.</p> <p>You work very hard at your job.</p> |