Social Studies Grad Exam Study Guide
Chapter Three Part B- The United States Government

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Directions: Answer the following completely as you read pages 40-43 of the grad exam workbook.

1. Changes in the Constitution can be made through ________________.

2. Why did the writers of the Constitution allow for amendments?

3. An amendment to the Constitution requires a two-thirds majority vote of ____________ or a special convention called by two-thirds of the ____________.

4. The first ten amendments to the Constitution are called the ________________.

5. What five rights does the First Amendment guarantee?

6. What rights are guaranteed by the Second Amendment?

7. What does the Fourth Amendment say about searches?

8. What two rights of the accused are guaranteed in the Fifth Amendment?

9. Which amendment abolished slavery?

10. What does the 14th Amendment state?

11. Explain the 15th Amendment.

12. Which amendment gives women the right to vote?

13. What is the Electoral College?

14. Who did the Electoral College elected as the first president of the United States?

15. As Secretary of the Treasury, what was Alexander Hamilton’s main goal?
16. Who favored paying the United States war debt in full...Alexander Hamilton or James Madison?

17. Hamilton proposed that the federal government take over the states’ debt from the Revolutionary War. Why did Jefferson and Madison oppose Hamilton’s proposal?

18. Hamilton, Jefferson, and Madison worked out a compromise on the issue of state debt which involved moving the nation’s capital from _____________ in the North to ________________ in the South.

19. The Elastic Clause of the Constitution gives Congress what?

20. In George Washington’s farewell address, what did he say about America’s relations with foreign countries?

21. In George Washington’s farewell address, what did he say about political parties?

22. What did Washington believe good government was based on?

23. What political party did Hamilton lead?

24. What political party did Jefferson lead?

25. Which party favored a strong central (federal) government?

26. Which party favored the states retaining much of their authority?

27. The Federalists wanted power in the hands of the _____________ and the ________ while the Democratic-Republicans wanted power in the hands of the ________.

28. Which party wanted the nation’s economy based on manufacturing, shipping and commerce?

29. Which party wanted the nation to remain agricultural?

30. Who became the second president of the United States?
31. Adams appointed ______________ as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

32. What were John Marshall’s views about the conflict between the national government and the states?

33. Which Supreme Court case established the idea of judicial review?

34. With judicial review, who has the right to declare whether laws passed by Congress were constitutional or not?

35. Which famous Supreme Court case states that Congress alone has the power to regulate interstate commerce (business)?

36. Can the Supreme Court declare a state law to be unconstitutional (illegal)?