ILLINOIS STATE CONSTITUTION TEST

Give the article number of the Illinois Constitution which states: (2 pts. each)

1. _______ The State militia consists of all able-bodied persons residing in the State...
2. _______ Education in public schools through the secondary level shall be free.
3. _______ The legislative power is vested in the General Assembly.
4. _______ The legislative, executive and judicial branches are separate.
5. _______ Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights...
6. _______ The judicial power is vested in a Supreme Court, an Appellate Court and Circuit Courts.
7. _______ Public funds, property or credit shall be used only for public purposes.
8. _______ Each person has the right to a healthful environment.
9. _______ The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, Lieutenant Governor...
10. _______ “Units of local government” means counties, municipalities, townships...
11. _______ Each prospective holder of a State office...shall take...the following oath...
12. _______ The power of taxation shall not be surrendered, suspended or contracted away.
13. _______ Every citizen...shall have the right to vote at such elections.

Multiple Choice. Write the letter of the best answer in the blank. (2 pts. each)

14. _______ Illinois became a state in
   A. 1870
   B. 1818
   C. 1776
   D. 1970

15. _______ The Constitution used in Illinois now was adopted and ratified in
   A. 1870
   B. 1818
   C. 1776
   D. 1970
16. _______ Which Executive officer is responsible for creating the budget?
   A. Treasurer
   B. Secretary of State
   C. Governor
   D. Comptroller

17. _______ Which Illinois county is the only one to have a County Executive form of government?
   A. Champaign
   B. Pike
   C. Cook
   D. Shelby

18. _______ Which of the following is not an example of a service municipalities may provide for themselves?
   A. building and zoning regulations
   B. military protection
   C. cultural and recreational facilities
   D. street construction

19. _______ The exclusive power to raise revenue rests with the
   A. Governor
   B. Mayor
   C. General Assembly
   D. Treasurer

20. _______ When passing a bill, Illinois differs from the federal government in three ways. Which of the following is not one of them?
   A. majority vote in both houses
   B. required reading three times
   C. line-item veto power
   D. “recommendations” from Executive branch

21. _______ In order to override a Governor’s veto, what ratio of a vote in the General Assembly is required?
   A. 1/2+1
   B. 3/5
   C. 3/4
   D. 2/3
22. _______ Amendments to the Illinois Constitution may be proposed by which of the following?
   A. A Constitutional Convention or the General Assembly
   B. The Supreme Court
   C. The Attorney General
   D. 2/3 of registered voters in the State

**Fill in the blanks to best complete each statement.** (2 pts. for each blank)

23. A _________________ is defined as a city, village, or incorporated town.

24-26 Federalism is the sharing of the power of government amongst the
   ______________, ______________ and ______________ governments.

27-28 The General Assembly consists of two houses, the
   _________________ and ________________.

29-30 _________________ ________________ allows the government
   to purchase private property for public use.

31-32 Illinois is divided into districts to elect ______ state senators and
   ______ representatives. (how many?)

33-34 To vote a person must be a U.S. citizen, ______ years old, and a
   resident of Illinois for at least ______ days prior to the election.

35-36 To be elected to the General Assembly a person must be a U.S.
   citizen, at least ______ years old, and a resident of the district to
   be represented for at least ______ years.

37. Members of the General Assembly are elected every _______ years.

38-40 To run for an Executive office a person must be a U.S. citizen, at
   least ______ years old, and a resident of Illinois for ______ years;
   each official serves a _______ -year term.

41-42 The Illinois Supreme Court is made up of _______ judges who
   serve _______ -year terms.
43. Circuit judges are elected and serve terms of _______ years.

44. Associate judges are appointed by the circuit judges and serve terms of _______ years.

45. The __________________ Court has original jurisdiction in a few special types of trials: revenue, mandamus, prohibition, habeas corpus.

46. __________________ courts hear most trials having original jurisdiction in almost all matters.

47-48 __________ __________ gave the cities and towns the powers to pass ordinances for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare or, with certain limitations, to tax and to incur debt, all without specific legislation from the General Assembly.

49-50 A _______________ ________________ can be called by 3/5 of the legislature and a majority of voters; otherwise the Secretary of State proposes one every twenty years.

Extra Credit - Matching. Write the letter of the corresponding Executive Office that best describes each of the following: (1 pt. each)

1. _______ Chief Fiscal Control Officer of Illinois
2. _______ Chief Legal Officer of Illinois
3. _______ Chief Executive Officer of Illinois
4. _______ Keeps the official records and issues licenses
5. _______ Becomes Governor if the Governor dies
6. _______ The State’s banker, keeps and invests the State’s money

A. Governor  D. Secretary of State
B. Lieutenant Governor  E. Comptroller
C. Attorney General  F. Treasurer

Extra Credit- Listing. Write the number of the Legislative and Representative Districts in which you live and the name of the individual who represents you. (1 pt. each)

Legislative District #__________
Senator ________________________________
Representative District #__________
Representative __________________________