Study Guide

Civics and Economics Final Exam

The final exam will consist of two sections: Multiple Choice and Short Answers.

1. The first section consists of 75 multiple choice questions (College Prep needs to do the first 60).
2. The second section will be short answer questions covering many topics across the many units. There will be four potential essay questions. I will choose one that EVERYONE answers. College Prep must answer one other additional question; Honors must answer two other additional questions.

Topics to Review:

Unit One, Citizenship: What is civics?; citizenship and types of residency; the path to citizenship; residency versus naturalization

Unit Two, The Road to Revolution: Colonial history; political philosophy in the enlightenment; British antecedents to liberty; Continental Congresses; Colonial history; the Declaration of Independence; Articles of Confederation; the Constitutional Convention; Federalists versus Antifederalists; the Constitution; the Federalist Papers; the Bill of Rights; Amendments to the Constitution

Unit Three, The Judicial Branch: Article III of the Constitution; legal system; crimes and trials; punishment and sentencing; the Supreme Court; Judicial Review; Supreme Court cases and precedents

Unit Four, Elections: How elections are run; political parties; primaries; the role of the media; party platforms; media bias; campaign advertisements

Unit Five, The Legislative Branch: Article I of the Constitution; overview of Congress; the census; the role of Congress; requirements to be a Congressman/Senator; powers of Congress; how bills are made; Congressional Apportionment; Gerrymandering; Congressional leadership; Congressional committees; interest groups; lobbyists

Unit Six, The Executive Branch: Requirements to be president; roles of the president; the cabinet; the federal bureaucracy; international institutions; the president’s role related to foreign policy

Unit Seven, Microeconomics: Intro to economics; factors of production; decision making; incentives; fundamental questions; scarcity; behavioral economics; economics of business; types of costs; marginalism; the American economy; GDP; inflation; productivity; capitalism

Unit Eight, Supply and Demand: Demand; supply; factors affecting demand and supply; markets