Chapter 1: Introduction to State and Local Government: They Tax Dogs in West Virginia, Don’t They?

Test Bank

# Multiple Choice

1. Voter turnout among the college-aged voting cohort was approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_ % in the 2016 elections.

a. 30

b. 40

c. 50

d. 60

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.5: Summarize how this book will foster your knowledge of the roles and importance of state and local governments.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

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Difficulty Level: Easy

2. Money for public universities comes from \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. public funds and grants

b. tuition and grants

c. tuition and public funds

d. public funds only

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.1: Identify the ways state and local governments can affect daily life.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Introduction to State and Local Government: They Tax Dogs in West Virginia, Don’t They?

Difficulty Level: Easy

3. What percentage of K–12 students attend public school?

a. 95 percent

b. 90 percent

c. 70 percent

d. 65 percent

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.3: Describe the importance of state and local government within the wider context of American government.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Impact of State and Local Politics on Daily Life

Difficulty Level: Easy

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ governments operate most K–12 public schools.

a. Local

b. County

c. State

d. Federal

Ans: A

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Difficulty Level: Easy

5. The primary purpose of state and local government is to provide services to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. the federal government

b. other states

c. their population

d. students

Ans: C

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Difficulty Level: Easy

6. Fire departments are primarily run by \_\_\_\_\_\_ governments.

a. local

b. county

c. state

d. federal

Ans: A

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Difficulty Level: Easy

7. The comparative method of analysis uses \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ as the basis for systematic explanation.

a. comparisons; differences

b. similarities; differences

c. similarities; comparisons

d. differences; data

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.2: Discuss how the comparative method can help explain differences between states.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Comparative Method in Practice: Yes, They Really

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Difficulty Level: Medium

8. Variance is another word for \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. similarities

b. comparison

c. analysis

d. difference

Ans: D

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

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9. Governments at each level have basic \_\_\_\_\_\_ that make comparisons possible.

a. similarities

b. differences

c. attributes

d. variance

Ans: A

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

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10. The price of soda in different states may vary due to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. variations in the tax rate

b. the value of the dollar

c. the fact that some people really like soda

d. the Great Recession

Ans: A

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Comparative Method in Practice: Yes, They Really

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11. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is the most populous state in the United States.

a. Texas

b. New York

c. California

d. Florida

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociodemographics

Difficulty Level: Easy

12. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ makeup of a state is likely to influence attitudes about social welfare programs.

a. historical

b. variation

c. population

d. sociodemographic

Ans: D

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociodemographics

Difficulty Level: Easy

13. States with older populations face \_\_\_\_\_\_ demand for education spending.

a. equal

b. more

c. less

d. no

Ans: C

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociodemographics

Difficulty Level: Easy

14. Cartograms use things such as \_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than space to represent areas on a map.

a. topography

b. population

c. colors

d. textures

Ans: B

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociodemographics

Difficulty Level: Easy

15. New Mexico is an example of a state with a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_ population and a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_ amount of geographic space.

a. average; large

b. small; average

c. large; average

d. small; large

Ans: D

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Answer Location: Sociodemographics

Difficulty Level: Easy

16. General attitudes and beliefs about government are involved in a state’s \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. personality

b. political culture

c. sociodemographics

d. topography

Ans: B

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

17. \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ about government make up a state’s political culture.

a. Attitudes; beliefs

b. Beliefs; trust

c. Sociodemographics; attitudes

d. Population; beliefs

Ans: A

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

18. Elazar argues that political culture stems from a state’s \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. tax rate

b. income

c. gross domestic product

d. settlement history

Ans: D

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Medium

19. There were \_\_\_\_\_\_ distinct type(s) of settlers in the United States, according to Elazar.

a. one

b. two

c. three

d. four

Ans: C

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

20. Which of the following is an example of a moralistic state?

a. Nebraska

b. Wisconsin

c. Texas

d. Wyoming

Ans: B

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Medium

21. Individualistic states believe participation in politics is for \_\_\_\_\_\_ reasons.

a. business

b. community

c. individual

d. social

Ans: C

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

22. \_\_\_\_\_\_ political cultures do not see a role in politics for amateurs.

a. Progressive

b. Traditionalistic

c. Moralistic

d. Individualistic

Ans: D

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

23. States with more female state legislators tend to be \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. conservative

b. individualistic

c. moralistic

d. traditionalistic

Ans: C

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Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Medium

24. States that value leaving political decisions to elites are likely to have \_\_\_\_\_\_ female legislators.

a. fewer

b. more

c. the same amount

d. no

Ans: A

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Medium

25. In traditionalistic states, politics is for \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. everyone

b. women

c. elites

d. progressives

Ans: C

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Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

26. Traditionalistic states are often \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. large

b. populous

c. urban

d. rural

Ans: D

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

27. The political culture associated with the American South is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. traditionalistic

b. moralistic

c. individualistic

d. conservative

Ans: A

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

28. The two political cultures that stress personal opportunity are \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. individualistic; progressive

b. individualistic; moralistic

c. traditionalistic; moralistic

d. traditionalistic; individualistic

Ans: D

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Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Medium

29. Policy change and innovation are most often found in \_\_\_\_\_\_ states.

a. traditionalistic

b. conservative

c. moralistic

d. individualistic

Ans: C

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Medium

30. \_\_\_\_\_\_ states tend to spend the least money on education.

a. Traditionalistic

b. Progressive

c. Moralistic

d. Individualistic

Ans: A

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Medium

31. Individualistic cultures believe governments should \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. preserve the status quo

b. be service providers

c. promote the public interest

d. be policy innovators

Ans: B

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

32. \_\_\_\_\_\_ states have the most competitive political parties.

a. Moralistic

b. Individualistic

c. Traditionalistic

d. Progressive

Ans: A

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

33. Regional economic differences influence tax burdens, public services, and \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. geography

b. agriculture

c. topography

d. policy priorities

Ans: D

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Economy

Difficulty Level: Easy

34. Texas spends comparatively less time and energy preparing for \_\_\_\_\_\_ than does California.

a. hurricanes

b. fires

c. earthquakes

d. tornados

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Geography and Topography

Difficulty Level: Easy

35. \_\_\_\_\_\_ states have significant difficulties arranging school transportation.

a. Small; rural

b. Large; rural

c. Small; urban

d. Large; urban

Ans: B

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Geography and Topography

Difficulty Level: Easy

36. The biggest roadblock on the road to policy action in most states is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. partisanship

b. weak leadership

c. lack of funds

d. overregulation

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.3: Describe the importance of state and local government within the wider context of American government.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Laboratories of Democracy: Devolution and the Limits of Government

Difficulty Level: Medium

37. Which of the following requires no government regulation?

a. teacher certification

b. curriculum requirements

c. safety standards

d. parental involvement in schools

Ans: D

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Answer Location: Laboratories of Democracy: Devolution and the Limits of Government

Difficulty Level: Medium

38. The Great Recession in the United States happened in \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. 2000–2001

b. 2002–2003

c. 2008–2009

d. 2009–2010

Ans: C

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Laboratories of Democracy: Devolution and the Limits of Government

Difficulty Level: Easy

39. The mix of the age and ethnicity of a state, or its \_\_\_\_\_\_, can impact its politics.

a. socioeconomic status

b. sociodemographics

c. variance

d. population

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociodemographics

Difficulty Level: Easy

40. State and local politics do not focus on \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. population increases

b. population decreases

c. international relations

d. decreased tax revenue

Ans: C

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.5: Summarize how this book will foster your knowledge of the roles and importance of state and local governments.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Conclusion

Difficulty Level: Medium

41. New Jersey has strong \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. local governments

b. national ties

c. republican culture

d. moralistic history

Ans: A

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Medium

42. \_\_\_\_\_\_ states have the most fragmented political culture.

a. Moralistic

b. Individualistic

c. Traditionalistic

d. Progressive

Ans: B

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

43. What percentage of American college students attend public universities?

a. 40 percent

b. 50 percent

c. 60 percent

d. 70 percent

Ans: D

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.1: Identify the ways state and local governments can affect daily life.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Impact of State and Local Politics on Daily Life

Difficulty Level: Easy

44. What is devolution?

a. The process of taking power away from the states and giving it to the federal government.

b. The process of taking power away from the federal government and giving it to the states.

c. The promotion of new ways to solve old, high-profile problems.

d. The states’ dependence on the federal government to stay fiscally solvent.

Ans: B

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.3: Describe the importance of state and local government within the wider context of American government.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Laboratories of Democracy: Devolution and the Limits of Government Difficulty Level: Easy

45. Using similarities and differences between states as the basis for systematic explanation is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_ method.

a. Socratic

b. pluralistic

c. state-focused

d. comparative

Ans: D

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.2: Discuss how the comparative method can help explain differences between states.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Comparative Method in Practice: Yes, They Really Do Tax Dogs in West Virginia

Difficulty Level: Easy

46. Which of the following make up a population’s sociodemographics?

a. age, education, and income

b. age, gender, and income

c. age, size, and ethnicity

d. age, income, and gender

Ans: C

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociodemographics

Difficulty Level: Easy

47. Moralistic political culture is most commonly found in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ part of the United States.

a. northern and middle

b. southern

c. western

d. metropolitan

Ans: A

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

48. Traditionalistic states tend to be those with \_\_\_\_\_\_ as the main economic activity.

a. technology

b. agriculture

c. manufacturing

d. entertainment

Ans: B

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

49. Moralistic states tend to view government as \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. business focused

b. individualized

c. cooperative

d. elite

Ans: C

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Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

# True/False

1. Older Americans tend to vote at higher rates than younger ones.

Ans: T

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Sociodemographics

Difficulty Level: Easy

2. The Great Recession of 2008–2009 caused public college tuition to go down.

Ans: F

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Impact of State and Local Politics on Daily Life

Difficulty Level: Easy

3. Private university students, like public university students, receive the benefits of state and federal funding.

Ans: T

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Impact of State and Local Politics on Daily Life

Difficulty Level: Easy

4. State and local governments regulate water and sewer systems.

Ans: T

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: The Impact of State and Local Politics on Daily Life

Difficulty Level: Easy

5. State and local governments are bound by the basic rules of the Constitution.

Ans: T

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.3: Describe the importance of state and local government within the wider context of American government.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Laboratories of Democracy: Devolution and the Limits of Government

Difficulty Level: Easy

6. Moralistic states have the lowest voter turnout.

Ans: F

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

7. There are many female legislators in Kentucky.

Ans: F

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REF: Cognitive Domain: Knowledge

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Easy

8. Geography can influence the cost of college.

Ans: T

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: Geography and Topography

Difficulty Level: Medium

# Essay

1. Discuss the main differences between the three political cultures in the United States.

Ans: Answers may vary.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Culture and History

Difficulty Level: Difficult

2. How do variations in geography and topography affect policy?

Ans: Answers may vary.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Geography and Topography

Difficulty Level: Difficult

3. What is devolution, and how has it affected state policymaking?

Ans: Answers may vary.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Application

Answer Location: Laboratories of Democracy: Devolution and the Limits of Government

Difficulty Level: Difficult

4. What are some of the factors that influence college tuition rates?

Ans: Answers may vary.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Comprehension

Answer Location: The Impact of State and Local Politics on Daily Life

Difficulty Level: Medium

5. What is the comparative method of analysis, and what are the benefits of its use?

Ans: Answers may vary.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.2: Discuss how the comparative method can help explain differences between states.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: The Comparative Method in Practice: Yes, They Really Do Tax Dogs in West Virginia

Difficulty Level: Difficult

6. How do a state’s sociodemographics influence its policies?

Ans: Answers may vary.

KEY: Learning Objective: 1.4: Identify the factors that influence how states and localities exercise their independent decision-making authority.

REF: Cognitive Domain: Analysis

Answer Location: Sociodemographics

Difficulty Level: Difficult