

Immigration and Naturalization Service Exam for Citizenship

Here is a sample of the 100 questions that Immigration and Naturalization Service examiners can ask immigrants in the citizenship test. Immigrants are asked 10 of the questions and must answer at least seven correctly.

To test immigrants written English skills, examiners also ask them to write a sentence in English like “The flag is red, white and blue” or “The children are playing in the yard.” Anyone who fails the test is allowed to retake it in about two months.

Because INS receives so many applications, it now takes about eight months from the time immigrants apply to the day they can take the test. The lag time is partly because local INS offices submit immigrants fingerprints to the FBI to make sure the immigrants do not have criminal records. Those who pass the test can be sworn in that day.

Questions:

1. What color are the stars on our flag?
2. What do the stripes on the flag mean?
3. What is the Fourth of July?
4. What country did we fight during the Revolutionary War?
5. Who was the first president of the United States?
6. Who is the president of the United States?
7. Who becomes the president of the United States if the president should die?
8. What is the Constitution?
9. Can the Constitution be changed?
10. What are the three branches of government?
11. What is Congress?
12. For how long do we elect each senator?
13. What is the executive branch of government?
14. What are the duties of the Supreme Court?
15. What is the supreme law of the United States?
16. What is the capital of your state?
17. Who become president of the USA if the president and the vice president should die?
18. Who is the chief justice of the Supreme Court?
19. Name the original 13 states.
20. Who said, “give me liberty or give me death”?
21. Which countries were our enemies during World War II?
22. What are the 49th and 50th states of the Union?
23. How many terms can a president serve?
24. Who was Martin Luther King Jr.?
25. Why are there 100 senators in the Senate?
26. Who selects the Supreme Court justices?
27. How many Supreme Court justices are there?
28. Why did the pilgrims come to America?
29. What holiday was celebrated for the first time by the American colonists?
30. Who wrote “The Star-Spangled Banner”?

31. What is the minimum voting age in the United States?
32. What is the highest court in the United States?
33. Who was the president during the civil war?
34. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
35. Which president is called the “father of our country”?
36. What Immigration and Naturalization Service form is used to apply to become a naturalized citizen?
37. What is the name of the ship that brought the pilgrims to America?
38. What were the 13 original states of the United States called?
39. Who has the power to declare war?
40. Which president freed the slaves?
41. In what year was the Constitution written?
42. What are the first 10 amendments to the Constitution called?
43. Name one purpose of the United Nations.
44. Where does Congress meet?
45. What is the introduction of the Constitution called?
46. Name one benefit of being a citizen of the United States?
47. What is the White House?