Civics – Final Exam Review Sheet

Chapter 1 – 3 – Origins and the Constitution

1. What are the Theories of The Origin of the State? (Evolutionary, Force, Divine Right, Social Contract)
3. What are the 2 Gov. Systems? (Unitary, Federal)
4. What are the 3 Types of Gov.? (Autocracy, Oligarchy, Democracy)
5. What are the 3 Economic Systems? (Capitalism, Socialism, Communism)
7. What was our 1st attempt to govern ourselves? (Articles of Confed.)
8. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
9. What happened at the Constitutional Convention of 1787?
11. What is the Structure of the Constitution?
12. What are the Major Principles of the Constitution? (See charts on pg. 65 and 66)
13. What is the Bill of Rights?
14. How do you Amend the Constitution?
15. Describe the concept of Federalism. (See pg. 97)

Legislative Branch – Ch. 5-7

16. What are the qualifications to be a Congressman?
17. Why are committees important to Congress? What are the different types of committee?
18. What are the powers of Congress? (See pg. 159) Expressed and Implied.
19. Describe how a Bill becomes a Law. (See pg. 185)

Executive Branch Ch. 8-9

20. What are the Duties of the President? What are the qualifications to be the President?
21. Describe the system used to elect the President.
22. What is the Cabinet and what does it do?
23. What is the EOP and what do they do?
24. Describe the Roles of the President. (Head of State, Chief Exec., Chief Legislator, Economic Planner, Party Leader, Chief Diplomat, Commander-in-Chief)

Judicial Branch Ch. 11 and 12

25. What is the highest Court in the US?
27. Describe- Marbury v. Madison
29. Describe Brown v. Board of Ed. of Topeka.
30. How many Justices are on the Supreme Court?
31. How are the Justices chosen?
32. Describe the duties of a Justice.
33. What happens during the Oral Arguments?
34. Define Majority Opinion.
35. Define Dissenting Opinion.
37. Describe how the President and Congress can “Check” the power of the Supreme Court.
38. How did the Brown v Board decision “Overturn” the Plessy decision?