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Directions: Use the questions below as a review of the main concepts from Unit II: Political Beliefs and Behaviors and Unit III: Interest Groups, Political Parties, and Mass Media. This review will help you prepare for the upcoming test on the principles of the units.

Section 1: Democratic Values

- 1. Explain each of the following core values and how they relate to the United States Government
 - a. Majority rule/Minority rights:
 - b. Equality:
 - c. Private property:
 - d. Individual freedoms:
 - e. Compromise:
 - f. Limited government:

Section 2: Political Socialization and Public Opinion

- 1. How do each of the following factors impact the political beliefs of an individual and society?
 - a. The Media:
 - b. Schools:
 - c. Peers:
 - d. Friends:
 - e. Family:
 - f. Demographic Factors (Race, age, gender, etc...):
 - g. Group Affiliations:
- 2. How are Polls used to measure public opinion? How do Politicians use information from Polls?
- 3. What is Political Ideology?
- 4. Explain the following Political Ideologies.
 - a. Radical:
 - b. Liberal:

- c. Moderate:
- d. Conservative:
- e. Reactionary:

Section 3: Participation, Voting, and Elections

- 1. Give further explanations and examples for each of the following methods of citizen political participation
 - a. Voting in elections
 - b. Discussing politics and attending political meetings
 - c. Forming interest groups and PACS
 - d. Contacting public officials
 - e. Campaigning for a candidate or political party
 - f. Contributing money to a candidate or political party
 - g. Running for office
 - h. Protesting government decisions
- 2. Explain why voting is still the biggest contribution a citizen of the United States can still make politically.
- 3. Explain how each of the following amendments and laws helped expand voting
 - a. 15th –
 - b. 19th –
 - c. Voting Rights Act of 1965 -
 - d. 23rd –
 - e. 24th –
 - f. 26th –
- 4. Explain three different reasons why voter turnout is still incredibly low nationwide.
- 5. Explain how the following factors tend to impact voter turnout.
 - a. Age -
 - b. Gender -
 - c. Race -

- d. Religion -
- e. Education -
- f. Political Affiliation -
- g. Geography –
- 6. Explain when/where/why/how the following types of elections are held
 - a. Primary
 - b. Caucus
 - c. Congressional Election
 - d. Presidential Election (Make sure you include Electoral College)
- 7. Explain how the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 impacted Elections.

Section 4: Political Parties

- 1. Explain the benefits and disadvantages of the following Party Systems.
 - a. One Party System -
 - b. Two Party System –
 - c. Multi-Party System –
- 2. What do political parties do and how can citizens participate in Political Parties?
- 3. How has the party system in American changed over the years?
- 4. What are the major third parties in the United States and what challenges do they face?
- 5. Explain the importance of each of the following aspects of political parties.
 - a. National Convention
 - b. National Chairperson/Committee
 - c. State and Local Organizations

Section 5: Interest Groups

- 1. What are interest groups and what role do they have in the American Political system?
- 2. Explain each of the following types of Interest groups and give an example of each.
 - a. Economic Interest Groups -
 - b. Idealistic/Cause Interest Groups -
 - c. Public Interest Groups -
- 3. What are lobbyists and how do Interest Groups use them to influence politics?
- 4. What are PACs and SuperPACs and how are they used by Interest Groups and Individuals?

Section 6: Mass Media

- 1. How have each of the following mediums impacted the influence of mass media on politics?
 - a. Newspapers
 - b. Magazines
 - c. Radio
 - d. Television
 - e. Hollywood
- 2. What are the roles of the media in politics and give examples of how the media can impact policy or public opinion.
- 3. How is the media impacted by corporate ownership and government regulations?
- 4. How does the government use the media?
- 5. How is the media bias and where does the bias come from?