

Comprehensive Exam

Name _____ Age _____

School _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____

Teacher Email _____

- 1** What actress was the first African-American to win an Academy Award?
- A. Annette Bening
 - B. Hattie McDaniel
 - C. Inger Stevens
 - D. Kirstie Alley
- 2** How is the position of chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court determined?
- A. The justices elect their own chief justice
 - B. The position is determined by term seniority
 - C. The governor selects the chief justice
 - D. The judicial administrator makes the selection
- 3** Which term means “a state in which the supreme power rests in the body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by representatives chosen directly or indirectly by them”?
- A. Democracy
 - B. Oligarchy
 - C. Republican
 - D. Federalism
- 4** Kansas entered the Union as the _____ state?
- A. 33rd
 - B. 34th
 - C. 35th
 - D. 36th
- 5** What does the term “constitution” mean?
- A. The system of fundamental principles according to which a nation, state, corporation, or the like, is governed
 - B. The fundamental political principles on which a state is governed, especially when considered as embodying the rights of the subjects of that state
 - C. The fundamental law of the United States
 - D. All of the above
- 6** What type of committee is used when the House and Senate cannot agree on the passage of a bill?
- A. Statutory committee
 - B. Conference committee
 - C. Select (special) committee
 - D. Standing committee
- 7** State Elections are administered by:
- A. The Federal Election Commission
 - B. The Department of State
 - C. The Kansas Secretary of State and county election offices
 - D. Local precinct election offices
- 8** Which is not a function of the State Board of Regents?
- A. Regulation of private and out-of-state higher education institutions
 - B. Oversight of community and technical colleges
 - C. Administration of teacher licensing and accreditation
 - D. Administration of adult education and general education development (GED) programs
- 9** Cyrus K. Holliday was the first president of what railroad?
- A. Union Pacific Railroad
 - B. Western Pacific Railroad
 - C. Burlington Northern Railroad
 - D. Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad
- 10** Which method of amending the Kansas Constitution is the most directly influenced by the voice of the voters?
- A. Proposals by Legislature
 - B. Constitutional convention
 - C. Proposals by the people
 - D. The voters’ convention

Comprehensive Exam

- 11** What is the name given to the group of Native American tribes forced to relocate to the Kansas Territory under the Indian Removal Act of 1830?
- A. Seminoles
 - B. Emigrant Indians
 - C. Trail of Tears Indians
 - D. Southeast Indians
- 12** The Kansas commissioner of education is selected by what method?
- A. Appointed by the State Board of Education
 - B. Appointed by the Governor
 - C. Elected by the voters of Kansas
 - D. Appointed by the State Board of Regents
- 13** Which Kansas county is considered the geographical center of America's 48 contiguous states?
- A. Reno
 - B. Smith
 - C. Pratt
 - D. Morton
- 14** Stone from quarries in which Kansas county was used for the construction of the Kansas State Capitol?
- A. Marion
 - B. Riley
 - C. Marshall
 - D. Chase
- 15** The Kansas Postsecondary Education Savings Program and other education savings plans are administered by which office?
- A. State Board of Education
 - B. State Board of Regents
 - C. State Treasurer
 - D. Secretary of State
- 16** How many counties were named in honor of a U.S. president?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 7
 - D. 3
- 17** A person who resides in one country but was born in or belongs to another country and has not acquired citizenship by naturalization in the country of residence is known as what?
- A. A stateless person
 - B. An interim national
 - C. A provisional citizen
 - D. An alien
- 18** Where does an introduced bill begin to be formally discussed?
- A. Between the legislators in the chamber of origin
 - B. In a standing committee
 - C. In the committee of the whole
 - D. Between the governor and the sponsors of the bill
- 19** Which statewide officer must meet certain statutory qualifications in order to be eligible to run for office?
- A. Insurance Commissioner
 - B. Attorney General
 - C. Governor
 - D. State Treasurer
- 20** Which statewide officer was included in the original Kansas constitution until a constitutional amendment changed the position to a statutory one?
- A. Secretary of State
 - B. Insurance Commissioner
 - C. Superintendent of public instruction
 - D. State Treasurer

Comprehensive Exam

- 21** This Kansan was one of the greatest pitcher in the history of Major League Baseball.
- A. Christy Mathewson
 - B. Sandy Koufax
 - C. Walter Johnson
 - D. Nolan Ryan
- 22** Donald K. Ross was awarded the Medal of Honor during World War II for his actions in what battle?
- A. Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
 - B. Battle of Midway
 - C. D-Day
 - D. Battle of the Bulge
- 23** Both chambers of the Legislature must vote by what margin to override a governor's veto?
- A. One-half
 - B. Three-fourths
 - C. Two-thirds
 - D. A majority
- 24** In which county is located the first town in Kansas that was established by former slaves?
- A. Norton
 - B. Graham
 - C. Kiowa
 - D. Scott
- 25** Who led the infamous massacre at Pottawatomie Creek?
- A. William Quantrill
 - B. Henry Ward Beecher
 - C. Nathaniel Lyon
 - D. John Brown
- 26** A person unhappy with a decision in the municipal court would take it where for an appeal?
- A. Kansas Supreme Court
 - B. Kansas Court of Appeals
 - C. The applicable district court
 - D. The city clerk's office
- 27** How many counties are in the state of Kansas?
- A. 105
 - B. 100
 - C. 107
 - D. 101
- 28** Which state agency is in charge of monitoring funds used by candidates and organizations during campaign cycles?
- A. The Secretary of State's Office
 - B. The Governor's Office
 - C. The Department of Revenue
 - D. The Governmental Ethics Commission
- 29** Which term means "government by the few"?
- A. Democracy
 - B. Oligarchy
 - C. Republican
 - D. Federalism
- 30** Of the 24 people to have flown to the Moon, _____ was the only one to have been from Kansas.
- A. Alan Shepard
 - B. Buzz Aldrin
 - C. Michael Collins
 - D. Ron Evans

Comprehensive Exam

- 31** What does the Kansas state motto, “Ad astra per aspera mean?”
- A. “To the stars through difficulty”
 - B. “To the stars through war”
 - C. “Never give up”
 - D. “To be, rather than to seem”
- 32** Which statewide office was not created by the Kansas Constitution?
- A. Secretary of State
 - B. Insurance Commissioner
 - C. State Treasurer
 - D. Attorney General
- 33** Who was the 26-year-old delegate at the Wyandotte Constitutional Convention who coined the Kansas state motto “Ad astra per aspera”?
- A. John James Ingalls
 - B. Benjamin Franklin Simpson
 - C. James Hanway
 - D. John Brown
- 34** These two parties participate in primary elections:
- A. The Reform and Libertarian Parties
 - B. The Libertarian and Republican Parties
 - C. The Libertarian and Democratic Parties
 - D. The Democratic and Republican Parties
- 35** A minor child of a naturalized U.S. citizen would become a U.S. citizen by what method?
- A. Conferred citizenship
 - B. Acquired citizenship
 - C. Derivative citizenship
 - D. Naturalized citizenship
- 36** The first known photograph of a tornado was taken in which Kansas county?
- A. Smith
 - B. Logan
 - C. Anderson
 - D. Barton
- 37** Which Kansas county includes one of the few cities in the U.S. founded strictly for political reasons?
- A. Sedgwick
 - B. Douglas
 - C. Shawnee
 - D. Riley
- 38** Who is responsible for the appointment of district court clerks or administrators?
- A. The chief judge of each district court
 - B. The chief justice of the supreme court
 - C. The judicial administrator
 - D. The clerk of the appellate courts
- 39** The ten amendments that were added to the U.S. Constitution four years after its adoption to address and protect certain rights and freedoms not explicitly indicated in the body of the constitution are known as what?
- A. The Freedom Amendments
 - B. The Bill of Rights
 - C. The Jefferson Act
 - D. The Protection Clause
- 40** How many representatives make up the Kansas House of Representatives?
- A. 40
 - B. 100
 - C. 125
 - D. 160

Comprehensive Exam

- 41** Smith Center native Mitch Holthus is best known for what signature phrase?
- A. "Do you believe in miracles? YES!"
 - B. "Touchdown, Kan-sas City!"
 - C. "In your life have you seen anything like that!?"
 - D. "Juuuuuust a bit outside."
- 42** This act introduced several changes to the Kansas election system in 2011:
- A. The Secure and Fair Elections Act
 - B. The Help America Vote Act
 - C. The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act
 - D. The Bettering Kansas Elections Act
- 43** What is a veto called when it deals with the appropriation of money?
- A. Line-item veto
 - B. Fiscal veto
 - C. Standard veto
 - D. Special-circumstance veto
- 44** Which is not one of the Kansas insurance commissioner's duties?
- A. Regulate and license Kansas insurance companies and agents
 - B. Sell insurance to state employees
 - C. Educate and assist consumers
 - D. Investigate insurance-related misconduct
- 45** What were the two most popular professions among the delegates at the constitutional convention?
- A. Physicians and lawyers
 - B. Mechanics and surveyors
 - C. Lawyers and merchants
 - D. Lawyers and farmers
- 46** Kansas was the first state to pave all of its portion of Historic Route 66, which runs through which Kansas County?
- A. Montgomery
 - B. Labette
 - C. Crawford
 - D. Cherokee
- 47** He was the architect of the "greatest turnaround in college football history."
- A. Tom Osborne
 - B. Bill Snyder
 - C. Barry Switzer
 - D. Mack Brown
- 48** The Kansas Constitution was originally known as the Wyandotte Constitution. How many constitutions for the future state were proposed before the Wyandotte Constitution?
- A. 6
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 1
- 49** Famous aviatrix Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, came from which Kansas county?
- A. Franklin
 - B. Atchison
 - C. Ness
 - D. Cloud
- 50** When did Kansas become a state?
- A. January 1, 1862
 - B. January 29, 1860
 - C. January 28, 1861
 - D. January 29, 1861

Comprehensive Exam

- 51** What was the nickname given to the anti-slavery Kansans who fought using guerrilla warfare tactics?
- A. Jayhawkers
 - B. Bushwackers
 - C. Quantrill's Raiders
 - D. Crusaders
- 52** How many amendments to the Kansas Constitution are allowed per election?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 5
 - D. 7
- 53** How many senators make up the Kansas Senate?
- A. 40
 - B. 100
 - C. 125
 - D. 160
- 54** Which of the following positions does not involve appointment by the governor when a vacancy occurs?
- A. Supreme court justice
 - B. Court of appeals judge
 - C. District court judge
 - D. District magistrate judge
- 55** Which of the following is not a type of voting equipment used in Kansas?
- A. Direct recording electronic voting machines
 - B. Optical scanners
 - C. Lever machines
 - D. Ballot marking machines
- 56** Which of the following was not the subject of an amendment to the Kansas Constitution?
- A. The right to keep and bear arms
 - B. The right of women to vote
 - C. Creation of a state lottery
 - D. The right to inalienable natural rights such as life liberty and the pursuit of happiness
- 57** Which president signed the Kansas bill on January 29, 1861, that made the state and the state constitution official?
- A. Abraham Lincoln
 - B. Franklin Pierce
 - C. James Buchanan
 - D. George Washington
- 58** Who presents the inaugural address?
- A. The governor
 - B. The lieutenant governor
 - C. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - D. The secretary of state
- 59** Which officer of the court is not included in the Kansas Constitution?
- A. Reporter of decisions
 - B. Clerk of the supreme court
 - C. District judge
 - D. Judicial administrator
- 60** How many justices serve on the Kansas Supreme Court today?
- A. 7
 - B. 8
 - C. 14
 - D. 10

Comprehensive Exam

- 61** The first woman in the U.S. to be elected to the office of mayor held the office in what Kansas county?
- A. Pratt
 - B. Sherman
 - C. Sumner
 - D. Allen
- 62** Which of the following rights is granted to both U.S. citizens and noncitizens?
- A. The right to obtain a U.S. passport
 - B. The right to vote
 - C. The right to apply for federal employment
 - D. The right to a fair and speedy trial
- 63** What is not an ordinary function of the Kansas Supreme Court?
- A. Deciding an appealed case by reading the record of the trial and written briefs filed by both parties
 - B. Conducting civil and criminal trials
 - C. Exercising general administrative authority over all Kansas courts
 - D. Researching and reviewing the law involved in a case and writing an opinion
- 64** How long is a Kansas Court of Appeals judge's term?
- A. 6 years
 - B. 2 years
 - C. 4 years
 - D. 10 years
- 65** The Wyandotte Constitution denied women the right to vote but did grant them which right?
- A. The right to bear arms
 - B. The right to own property
 - C. The right to own slaves
 - D. The right to file for divorce
- 66** Which term means "a union of states under a central government distinct from the individual governments of the separate states"?
- A. Democracy
 - B. Oligarchy
 - C. Republican
 - D. Federalism
- 67** State officials are elected:
- A. On the first Monday in November
 - B. On the second Monday in January
 - C. In the spring elections during odd-numbered years
 - D. In the fall elections during even-numbered years
- 68** Citizenship provides many rights, but also involves many responsibilities. Which of the following is not a mandatory obligation or responsibility of a U.S. citizen?
- A. Voting
 - B. Paying taxes
 - C. Serving on a jury when summoned
 - D. Registering with the Selective Service
- 69** The administration of all national and state elections is the responsibility of which state officer?
- A. State Treasurer
 - B. Attorney General
 - C. Secretary of State
 - D. Governor
- 70** This man was the first person of Native American ancestry to hold either of the two highest offices in the executive branch of the United States government.
- A. Charles Curtis
 - B. Alfred Landon
 - C. David J. Brewer
 - D. Dwight D. Eisenhower

Comprehensive Exam

- 71** Dwight D. Eisenhower was...
- A. Richard Nixon's vice president
 - B. The Supreme Commander of American forces in the Pacific theatre during WWII
 - C. The only general to be elected president in the 20th century
 - D. A Vietnam War hero
- 72** The first "cowtown" in the Old West is found in what Kansas county?
- A. Dickinson
 - B. McPherson
 - C. Ellis
 - D. Pawnee
- 73** What is Lynette Woodard famous for?
- A. The first woman to be named an All-American
 - B. The first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters
 - C. The first woman to play professional basketball
 - D. The first woman to play basketball overseas
- 74** State law requires all acts passed by the Legislature be published as soon as practicable after the close of each session, but not later than:
- A. June 1
 - B. July 1
 - C. September 30
 - D. December 31
- 75** Who leads the Kansas House of Representatives?
- A. Majority Leader
 - B. Minority Leader
 - C. Speaker Pro Tem
 - D. Speaker of the House
- 76** The Kansas legislature drafted four different state constitutions while Kansas was still a territory. What was the name of the constitution that was actually adopted?
- A. The Lecompton Constitution
 - B. The Topeka Constitution
 - C. The Leavenworth Constitution
 - D. The Wyandotte Constitution
- 77** The Medicine Lodge Indian Peace Treaty was signed in which Kansas county in October 1867 by five tribes of the Plains Indians and the U.S. government?
- A. Barber
 - B. Bourbon
 - C. Chase
 - D. Decatur
- 78** How many terms is the secretary of state limited to?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 2 consecutive terms
 - D. There are no term limits for this office
- 79** What planet is astronomer Clyde Tombaugh credited with discovering?
- A. Saturn
 - B. Neptune
 - C. Pluto
 - D. Mercury
- 80** Which of these Kansas counties did not end up with a misspelled name of its namesake?
- A. Brown
 - B. Clark
 - C. Hodgeman
 - D. Sedgwick

Comprehensive Exam

- 81** Joe Walsh was a member of what famous rock band?
- A. Kansas
 - B. The Rolling Stones
 - C. The Eagles
 - D. Boston
- 82** Which of the following would have original jurisdiction in a case involving a small claims dispute?
- A. Municipal court
 - B. District court
 - C. Court of appeals
 - D. Office of Judicial Administration
- 83** How often is the Kansas Legislature required to redraw its districts?
- A. Every 10 years
 - B. Every 5 years
 - C. Every 12 years
 - D. After every statewide general election
- 84** The highest point in Kansas, Mount Sunflower, is found in which county?
- A. Thomas
 - B. Edwards
 - C. Kearny
 - D. Wallace
- 85** The current Kansas Court of Appeals was established by the Kansas Legislature for what main purpose?
- A. To oversee the lower Kansas courts
 - B. To assist the district courts in conducting criminal and civil trials
 - C. To review appeals from district courts in both civil and criminal cases
 - D. To review cases decided by the Kansas Supreme Court
- 86** In the Kansas territory, some settlers wanted to annex southern Nebraska and extend the western boundary to the Rockies and some opposed that idea. What were the names given to the two different boundary plans?
- A. "Large Kansas" and "Small Kansas"
 - B. "Big Kansas" and "Little Kansas"
 - C. "Expanded Kansas" and "Restricted Kansas"
 - D. "Red Kansas" and "Blue Kansas"
- 87** In what city does the Kansas Legislature congregate?
- A. Wichita
 - B. Kansas City
 - C. Topeka
 - D. Salina
- 88** Which position is not required to be a lawyer admitted to practice law in the state of Kansas?
- A. Court of appeals judge
 - B. District court judge
 - C. Municipal judge of a first-class city
 - D. District magistrate judge
- 89** What was the nickname that former University of Kansas basketball coach Forrest Allen was commonly known by?
- A. "Phog"
 - B. "Dean"
 - C. "Gump"
 - D. "Shark"
- 90** How many legislators does it take to pass a bill in its respective chamber?
- A. One-half
 - B. Two-thirds
 - C. A majority
 - D. Three-fourths

Comprehensive Exam

- 91** Which is the only county in Kansas named after a woman?
- A. Finney
 - B. Lyon
 - C. Barton
 - D. Johnson
- 92** Which is not a way a person may automatically become a citizen of the United States?
- A. Being born in the United States
 - B. Being a child of a naturalized parent
 - C. Being born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent or parents
 - D. Living legally in the United States for a minimum of five years
- 93** Which of the following is not required to register to vote in the state of Kansas?
- A. Must be a citizen of the United States
 - B. Must be at least 21 years old
 - C. Must have residence established in Kansas
 - D. Must have valid photographic identification
- 94** Martin and Osa Johnson were famed _____ during the 1920s and 1930s.
- A. Explorers
 - B. Photographers
 - C. Documentary filmmakers
 - D. All of the above
- 95** Which of the following is an official political party recognized in the state of Kansas?
- A. The Libertarian Party
 - B. The Green Party
 - C. The Constitution Party
 - D. The Communist Party
- 96** Which statewide officer was once part of the legislative branch?
- A. Secretary of State
 - B. Attorney General
 - C. Governor
 - D. Lieutenant Governor
- 97** Which state officer has the authority to grant pardons to convicted criminals?
- A. Attorney General
 - B. Governor
 - C. Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation
 - D. Secretary of State
- 98** Which Kansas artist created the newspaper comic strips *Beetle Bailey* and *Hi and Lois*?
- A. Mort Walker
 - B. Rudy Wendelin
 - C. Bill Watterson
 - D. Gary Larson
- 99** Which position may be found on a ballot for partisan election rather than for retention?
- A. District judge
 - B. Court of appeals judge
 - C. Supreme court justice
 - D. Municipal judge
- 100** What was Carry A. Nation a radical opponent of?
- A. Slavery
 - B. Gender discrimination
 - C. Christianity
 - D. Alcohol

Comprehensive Exam

- 101** The deadline to register or change information on your voter registration card before an election is:
- A. 21 days before the election
 - B. 14 days before the election
 - C. 5 days before the election
 - D. 20 days before the election
- 102** Which Kansas county is famous for the fossils found in its chalk beds?
- A. Harvey
 - B. Logan
 - C. Gove
 - D. Smith
- 103** Which term means “a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people”?
- A. Democracy
 - B. Oligarchy
 - C. Republican
 - D. Federalism
- 104** If both the office of governor and lieutenant governor become vacant, under present law who would be next in line to assume the governorship?
- A. President of the Senate
 - B. Speaker of the House
 - C. Secretary of State
 - D. Determined by a special election
- 105** How long does the governor have to sign or veto a bill?
- A. 7 days
 - B. 10 days
 - C. 30 days
 - D. 365 days
- 106** Which position is appointed directly by the governor and requires Senate confirmation?
- A. Supreme court justice
 - B. Court of appeals judge
 - C. District court judge
 - D. Judicial administrator
- 107** How many officers of the executive branch are elected on a statewide basis?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7
- 108** The duties of the lieutenant governor are determined by?
- A. The Kansas Constitution
 - B. Kansas Statutes
 - C. The Legislature
 - D. The Governor
- 109** He was the first high school runner to run a mile in under four minutes.
- A. Jim Ryun
 - B. Wes Santee
 - C. Glenn Cunningham
 - D. Thane Baker
- 110** Deborah Bryant is most well-known for...
- A. Becoming the first woman governor in Kansas history
 - B. Authoring famous children’s books
 - C. Winning the Miss America Pageant
 - D. Being an actress on the soap opera General Hospital

Comprehensive Exam

- 111** Who was president when the Indian Removal Act of 1830 was implemented?
- A. Abraham Lincoln
 - B. Franklin Pierce
 - C. Andrew Jackson
 - D. Woodrow Wilson
- 112** Which of these Kansas counties was not named after a military fort?
- A. Osage
 - B. Ellsworth
 - C. Leavenworth
 - D. Riley
- 113** How do supreme court justices and court of appeals judges remain in their positions after their terms expire?
- A. By request to the governor to be reappointed
 - B. By petition to the Supreme Court Nominating Commission to be reappointed
 - C. By approval of two-thirds majority of both houses of the Legislature
 - D. By filing intent to be on the statewide general election ballot for retention by the voters
- 114** How long is a Kansas state senator's term?
- A. 1 year
 - B. 2 years
 - C. 4 years
 - D. 8 years

Name _____ Age _____

School _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____

Teacher Email _____

Answer Sheet

- | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1. _____ | 30. _____ | 59. _____ | 88. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 31. _____ | 60. _____ | 89. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 32. _____ | 61. _____ | 90. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 33. _____ | 62. _____ | 91. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 34. _____ | 63. _____ | 92. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 35. _____ | 64. _____ | 93. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 36. _____ | 65. _____ | 94. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 37. _____ | 66. _____ | 95. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 38. _____ | 67. _____ | 96. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 39. _____ | 68. _____ | 97. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 40. _____ | 69. _____ | 98. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 41. _____ | 70. _____ | 99. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 42. _____ | 71. _____ | 100. _____ |
| 14. _____ | 43. _____ | 72. _____ | 101. _____ |
| 15. _____ | 44. _____ | 73. _____ | 102. _____ |
| 16. _____ | 45. _____ | 74. _____ | 103. _____ |
| 17. _____ | 46. _____ | 75. _____ | 104. _____ |
| 18. _____ | 47. _____ | 76. _____ | 105. _____ |
| 19. _____ | 48. _____ | 77. _____ | 106. _____ |
| 20. _____ | 49. _____ | 78. _____ | 107. _____ |
| 21. _____ | 50. _____ | 79. _____ | 108. _____ |
| 22. _____ | 51. _____ | 80. _____ | 109. _____ |
| 23. _____ | 52. _____ | 81. _____ | 110. _____ |
| 24. _____ | 53. _____ | 82. _____ | 111. _____ |
| 25. _____ | 54. _____ | 83. _____ | 112. _____ |
| 26. _____ | 55. _____ | 84. _____ | 113. _____ |
| 27. _____ | 56. _____ | 85. _____ | 114. _____ |
| 28. _____ | 57. _____ | 86. _____ | |
| 29. _____ | 58. _____ | 87. _____ | |