

Goshen Democrats Civics Trivia Quiz



Answer Key

1. Who is the current governor of Pennsylvania?

- a. Josh Shapiro b. Doug Mastriano c. John Fetterman d. Ed Rendell

Answer: a. Josh Shapiro was elected Governor in 2022 with 56% of the vote to loser Mastriano's 42%. John Fetterman is PA's junior US Senator, and Rendell was Governor from 2003 to 2011.

2. Which of the following is not a separate co-equal branch of the Federal government?

- a. Military b. Judiciary c. Congress d. Executive

Answer: a. Military. All U.S. Military services are under the authority of the Defense Department, which is a department of the Executive branch.

3. The 22d Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says that no person shall serve more than how many terms as President?

- a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. Unlimited

Answer: b. 2. The 22d Amendment, which provides that "no person shall be elected ... more than twice", was ratified in 1951.

4. How long is the term of office of a Pennsylvania state representative?

- a. 1 year b. 2 years c. 4 years d. 6 years

Answer: b. 2 years. This is specified in Article II, Section 3 of the PA Constitution.

5. Who is the current U.S. representative for Chester County?

- a. Chrissy Houlahan b. Chris Pielli c. Carolyn Comitta d. Kristine Howard

Answer: a. Chrissy Houlahan. Chris Pielli and Kristine Howard are members of the PA State House of Representatives; and Carolyn Comitta is a member of the State Senate.

6. The "Speaker" is the head of what Federal government body?

- a. Supreme Court b. House of Representatives
c. Senate d. Federal Communications Commission

Answer: b. House of Representatives. The position of Speaker of the House of Representatives is established in Article I of the US Constitution.

7. The capital of Pennsylvania is what city?

- a. Philadelphia b. Pittsburgh c. Gettysburg d. Harrisburg

Answer: d. Harrisburg. It has been the state capital since 1812.

8. The U.S. Capitol houses which branch of the government?

- a. The President and Executive Branch b. The Congress
c. The Supreme Court d. The Military

Answer: b. The Congress. The Capitol building has separate wings for the Senate and House of Representatives, and also housed the Supreme Court from 1810 to 1860.

9. The executive authority of Chester County is vested in:

- a. The Mayor b. The County Manager
c. The Board of Commissioners d. The Governor

Answer: c. The Board of Commissioners, which consists of three members, two from the majority party and one from the minority party. All three are elected for concurrent four-year terms. Democrats Marian Moskowitz and Josh Maxwell are running for re-election this year.

10. Women gained the right to vote in what year?

- a. 1872 b. 1901 c. 1920 d. 1933

Answer: c. 1920. The 19th Amendment, ratified in 1920, prohibits denial or infringement of the right to vote on account of sex.

11. Who was Pennsylvania's longest-serving senator?

- a. Arlen Specter b. John Murtha c. Thomas Mifflin d. Bob Casey Jr.

Answer: a. Arlen Specter, who served for 30 years, from 1981 to 2011. Specter was initially a Democrat, then switched parties to Republican, and later switched back to the Democrats.

12. Which President lived in Pennsylvania when elected?

- a. James Buchanan b. Abraham Lincoln c. Joe Biden d. William McKinley

Answer: a. James Buchanan, our 15th President, served from 1857-1861. A lifelong PA resident, he was born in Cove Gap, Franklin County, and died at his home outside Lancaster.