Chapter 1 Review

True/False

1. Many colonists were uncomfortable with the term democracy because it conjured up fears of the people and mob rule.
2. Conservatives tend to want the government to respond quickly to societal changes.
3. Over the years, our attitudes about personal liberty have remained unchanged.
4. The elderly often vote against programs favored by younger voters; younger voters often vote against programs favored by the elderly.
5. Large numbers of nonvoters can threaten democratic legitimacy.
6. Fewer Americans consider themselves to be liberal than to be conservative.
7. The Framers did not envision that the U.S. government would do as much to “promote the general welfare” as it has been doing in recent years.

Completion

10. ___________________________ is the coherent set of values and beliefs people hold about the purpose and scope of government.
11. ___________________________ believe that moral decay must be stemmed and that government should support and further traditional moral teachings.
12. ___________________________ believe in extensive government control of personal and economic liberties.
13. Americans tend to share the common goal of achieving the ___________________________, which generally includes a happy and successful life, wealth, a house, and a better life for one’s children.

Multiple Choice

14. How does the Preamble to the constitution begin?
   a. “When in the course of human events . . .”
   b. “We hold these truths to be self-evident . . .”
   c. “We the people . . .”
   d. “In order to forma more perfect Union . . .”
15. What are republics?
   a. representative democracies
   b. forms of government frequently found in totalitarian regimes
   c. direct democracies
   d. a hallmark of direct democracy
16. Which function of government stated in the Preamble is consistent with the notion of having government-provided police protection?
   a. promoting the general welfare
   b. ensuring domestic tranquility
   c. securing the blessings of liberty
   d. establishing justice

17. The idea that governments draw legitimacy and power from the governed is referred to as which of the following?
   a. capitalism
   b. popular consent
   c. direct democracy
   d. majority rule

18. Which of the following is the doctrine that society should be governed by certain ethical principles that are part of nature and can be understood by reason?
   a. ethical law
   b. contract law
   c. Newton’s law
   d. natural law

19. Which of the following is a true statement about liberals?
   a. They seek to end costly welfare programs.
   b. They generally favor government intervention to promote equality.
   c. They believe individuals should look to churches and other social service organizations for assistance.
   d. They are more likely to vote Republican than Democratic.

20. Which of the following is a true statement about moderates?
   a. They largely support an overhaul of the welfare system.
   b. They comprise over half of the U.S. population.
   c. They created the Tea Party movement.
   d. They believe that a centrist approach to politics is best.

15. Which of the following public policies would social conservatives be most likely to support?
   a. decreasing defense spending
   b. regulating the banking and financial sectors
   c. restricting abortions
   d. prohibiting any references to God or religion on money or government buildings

20. Americans’ confidence in government institutions in the United States has ______.
   a. generally increased
   b. fluctuated considerably depending on who is in office
   c. generally decreased
   d. remained stagnant over time