

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS  
IN BPS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2001.

HISTORY OF THE U.S.A.

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

NOTE: Attempt **FIVE** questions in all, including question No.8 which is **COMPULSORY**. All questions carry **EQUAL** marks.

1. The American Constitution is a system of "Checks and balances". Discuss.
2. Thomas Jefferson described his election to the American Presidency in 1800 as "the Second American Revolution". Was the claim justified? Support your answer with evidence.
3. Critically examine the significance of the issue of Slavery in American history.
4. Discuss the progress of the Progressive Movement in the United States between 1900-1916.
5. Evaluate the Presidency of the Abraham Lincoln.
6. Evaluate briefly America's political and military involvement in Iraq since Iran - Iraq War.
7. Write short notes on any TWO of the following:-
  - (a) Impact of the tragic terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 on World Trade Centre.
  - (b) Watergate Scandle. (b) Woodrow Wilson. (c) Monroe Doctrine.

COMPULSORY QUESTION

8. Write only the correct answer in the Answer Book. Don't reproduce the questions.
  - (1) The total number of the British Colonies founded in Colonial America were:
    - (a) Thirteen (b) Fifteen (c) Twenty (d) None of these.
  - (2) The "Sons of Liberty" was formed in:
    - (a) 1765 (b) 1767 (c) 1776 (d) None of these
  - (3) The Peace Treaty of American Independence in 1783 was signed in the city of:
    - (a) Philadelphia (b) London (c) Paris (d) None of these.
  - (4) Which one of these enjoys the title of "Father of American Constitution":
    - (a) Jefferson (b) Washington (c) Madison (d) None of these.
  - (5) The first Ten Amendments to the Constitution of US ratified in 1791 are known as:
    - (a) Bill of Constitution (b) Bill of Rights
    - (c) Bill of Justice (d) None of these

- (6) The first Secretary of State of US was:  
 (a) Hamilton (b) Jefferson (c) John Adams (d) None of these.
- (7) The Great Depression of 1929 lasted for:  
 (a) Three years (b) Four years (c) a decade (d) None of these.
- (8) The XYZ affairs took place between:  
 (a) US-England (b) US-Russia (c) US-France (d) None of these.
- (9) Cornwallis surrendered to the American and French troops at:  
 (a) Yorktown (b) Gettysburg (c) Saratoga (d) None of these.
- (10) The battle of Bull Run was fought in:  
 (a) The American War of independence (b) The American Civil War  
 (c) The US-Spanish War (d) None of these
- (11) Panama Canal was officially opened in the year:  
 (a) 1812 (b) 1906 (c) 1914 (d) None of these
- (12) On August 26, 1920 the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to US Constitution gave voting right to:  
 (a) Women (b) Negroes  
 (c) Indians (d) None of these
- (13) NATO was established in the year:  
 (a) 1949 (b) 1952 (c) 1953 (d) None of these
- (14) In 1900 the Open Door Policy was adopted with respect to:  
 (a) Japan (b) South America (c) China  
 (d) None of these
- (15) The book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written by:  
 (a) Monica Lewinsky (b) Paula Jones  
 (c) Harriet Beacher (d) None of these
- (16) The Truman Doctrine was mainly designed to extend economic assistance to:  
 (a) Turkey-Iraq (b) Turkey-Egypt  
 (c) Turkey-Greece (d) None of these
- (17) The 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1971 lowered the voting age to:  
 (a) 18 (b) 19 (c) 21 (d) None of these
- (18) The term "Big Stick Diplomacy" is associated with President:  
 (a) T. Roosevelt (b) Carter (c) Reagan  
 (d) None of these
- (19) During the American Civil War, the President of Confederacy was:  
 (a) Jefferson Davis (b) Abraham Lincoln  
 (c) Johnson (d) None of these
- (20) Judges of the American Supreme Court are appointed by:  
 (a) President (b) Senate (c) Congress  
 (d) None of these

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COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS  
IN BPS-17, UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2002.

HISTORY OF U.S.A.

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

Note: Attempt FIVE questions in all, including Question No.8 which is  
COMPULSORY. All questions carry EQUAL marks.

1. In what ways did the philosophy and purpose of Jacksonian democracy differ from those of the Jeffersonian democrats?
2. One of the bitterest fruits of westward expansion was the intensification of the slavery controversy. Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with specific incidents.
3. Evaluate the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt.
4. 'The United States would do whatever it is able to do to assist in the return of normal economic health in the world, without which there can be no political stability and no assured peace'. Discuss in the light of Marshall Plan.
5. Discuss, 'War against Terror' as an instrument of US foreign policy.
6. Since the Declaration of Independence Westward expansion is a story of annexations cessions and purchases. Elaborate.
7. Write short notes on any TWO of the following:-
  - (a) Missouri Compromise 1820
  - (b) Wilson's Fourteen Points
  - (c) Truman Doctrine
  - (d) New World Order

COMPULSORY QUESTION

8. Write only the correct answer in the Answer Book. Don't reproduce the question.
  - (1) Total articles in United States Constitution are:
 

(a) XIII	(b) XXIII
(c) VXI	(d) None of these
  - (2) Atlantic Charter dates back to:
 

(a) 1946	(b) 1941
(c) 1827	(d) None of these
  - (3) Attack on Pearl Harbour took place in:
 

(a) 1918	(b) 1941
(c) 1939	(d) None of these
  - (4) .....was the second state to ratify the constitution:
 

(a) Maine	(b) New York
(c) Pennsylvania	(d) None of these
  - (5) Bill Clinton was..... President of United States:
 

(a) 42 <sup>nd</sup>	(b) 33 <sup>d</sup>
(c) 51 <sup>st</sup>	(d) None of these
  - (6) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in:
 

(a) 1979	(b) 1962
(c) 1968	(d) None of these

- (7) Total number of states in US is:  
(a) 51 (b) 50  
(c) 13 (d) None of these
- (8) Dred Scott decision of the Supreme Court of U.S.A. declaring slave a chattel was given in:  
(a) 1823 (b) 1857  
(c) 1893 (d) None of these
- (9) Gadsden Purchase was ratified in:  
(a) 1823 (b) 1853  
(c) 1911 (d) None of these
- (10) Stamp Act was passed in:  
(a) 1688 (b) 1765  
(c) 1797 (d) None of these
- (11) Complete diplomatic relations between US and China were established in:  
(a) 1979 (b) 1981  
(c) 1982 (d) None of these
- (12) .....state is known as sunshine state:  
(a) California (b) Nebraska  
(c) Florida (d) None of these
- (13) .....state is known as golden gate state:  
(a) Oklahoma (b) Ohio  
(c) Virginia (d) None of these
- (14) .....state is known as Sooners state:  
(a) Arizona (b) Texas  
(c) North Dakota (d) None of these
- (15) What does ANZUS stand for?
- (16) Treaty of Ghent ended War of 1812 between USA and:  
(a) France (b) Great Britain  
(c) Belgium (d) None of these
- (17) Gettysburg Address was delivered by:  
(a) President Lincoln (b) George Washington  
(c) Carter (d) None of these
- (18) Columbus discovered America in:  
(a) 1388 (b) 1688  
(c) 1788 (d) None of these
- (19) Louisiana which doubled the size of USA was purchased for:  
(a) 150 million \$ (b) 15 million \$  
(c) 15 billion \$ (d) None of these
- (20) Dean Rusk was:  
(a) Secretary of Defence (b) Secretary of State  
(c) Secretary of Interior (d) None of these

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## COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN PBS-17, UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2003

### HISTORY OF THE U.S.A.

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS**

**MAXIMUM MARKS: 100**

**NOTE:** Attempt FIVE questions in all, including QUESTION NO.8 which is COMPULSORY. All questions carry EQUAL marks. Write clearly.

1. Americans are called 'a Nation of Nations' very briefly describe the different waves of immigrants that came to the US. Has America been a 'melting pot' or a 'mixing bowl'?
2. The American Revolution was the child of Enlightenment. Comment.
3. Who were FEDERALISTS? What were their political views and economic vision for the US?
4. American Civil War (1860 – 65) was a clash of economic interests as well as of Social Ideals. Elaborate.
5. Between 1877 and 1900 the American Society was transformed from being agrarian and rural to being industrial and urban. What factors and forces helped to bring about this change?
6. Write short but analytical notes on any TWO of the following:
  - (i) POPULISM of the 1890s.
  - (ii) The Jazz Age.
  - (iii) McCarthyism.
  - (iv) US War on terrorism.
7. The NEW DEAL was to save capitalism but ironically it was denounced by the Capitalist Class. Why?

### COMPULSORY QUESTION

8. Write only the correct answer in the Answer Book. Do not reproduce the question.
  - (1) James Town was founded in:
    - (a) 1607
    - (b) 1609
    - (c) 1611
    - (d) None of these.
  - (2) Who wrote The White House years:
    - (a) Monica Lewinski
    - (b) Jacky Kennedy
    - (c) Henry Kissinger
    - (d) None of these.
  - (3) "I have a dream". Who delivered this oration:
    - (a) John F. Kennedy
    - (b) Rev. Martin Luther King
    - (c) Bill Clinton
    - (d) None of these.
  - (4) The Capital of New York state is:
    - (a) New York
    - (b) Syracuse
    - (c) Albany
    - (d) None of these.
  - (5) Abolitionism was to:
    - (a) Ban alcohol
    - (b) Ban Slavery
    - (c) Ban child labour
    - (d) None of these.
  - (6) Before Civil War the principal crop of the South was:
    - (a) Tobacco
    - (b) Cotton
    - (c) Rice
    - (d) None of these.

**HISTORY OF THE U.S.A.**

- (7) Henry Clay was a:  
(a) Musician (b) Business man  
(c) Sportsman (d) None of these.
- (8) US entered the Second World War in:  
(a) 1939 (b) 1940  
(c) 1941 (d) None of these.
- (9) Gold Rush in California took place in:  
(a) 1842 (b) 1849  
(c) 1852 (d) None of these.
- (10) The Civil Rights Act was passed in:  
(a) 1964 (b) 1965  
(c) 1966 (d) None of these.
- (11) Louis Armstrong was a:  
(a) Pianist (b) Drummer  
(c) Trumpeter (d) None of these.
- (12) 'Four Freedoms' were announced by:  
(a) Truman (b) Wilson  
(c) FDR (d) None of these.
- (13) Affirmative Action policy is to help:  
(a) Whites (b) Blacks  
(c) Women (d) None of these.
- (14) Rockefellers made their fortune in:  
(a) Oil (b) Steel  
(c) Railroads (d) None of these.
- (15) The Liberty Bell is located in:  
(a) Washington D.C. (b) New York  
(c) Pennsylvania (d) None of these.
- (16) Which State was known as Lone Star Republic:  
(a) California (b) Texas  
(c) Ore gone (d) None of these.
- (17) MORMONS are settled in:  
(a) Nevada (b) Utah  
(c) New Mexico (d) None of these.
- (18) BABE RUTH was a:  
(a) Priest (b) Political agitator  
(c) Player (d) None of these.
- (19) The total number of British colonies in North America was:  
(a) 11 (b) 13  
(c) 15 (d) None of these.
- (20) The Declaration of Independence was written by:  
(a) George Washington (b) Thomas Jefferson  
(c) John Adams (d) None of these.

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# FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BPS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2004.

### HISTORY OF U.S.A.

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS**

**MAXIMUM MARKS: 100**

NOTE: Attempt FIVE questions in all, including QUESTION NO. 8 which is COMPULSORY. All questions carry EQUAL marks.

1. Explain the characteristics of Colonial assemblies and representative government from 1776 to 1789.
2. Discuss Jefferson's decision to purchase the Louisiana Territory, and explain the political and economic impact of this decision on the United States.
3. What are the Salient features of Andrew Jackson's Presidency and Democracy?
4. Account for America's emergence as an imperialist- colonialist power after 1898.
5. Woodrow Wilson had said, "We had a chance to gain the leadership of the world. We have lost it, and soon we shall be witnessing the tragedy of it all". Comment upon America's attitude towards Treaty of Versailles.
6. After World War II the dominant focus of the U.S. policy had been anti-Communism on global scale. Discuss.
7. Write short but analytical notes on any TWO of the following:
  - (a) Progressive Movement
  - (b) Watergate Scandal
  - (c) President F. D. Roosevelt
  - (d) Issue of Slavery in America

### COMPULSORY QUESTION

8. Write only the correct answer in the Answer Book. Do not reproduce the question.
  - (1) America was named after:
    - (a) Christopher Columbus
    - (b) Amerigo Vespucci
    - (c) George Washington
    - (d) None of these
  - (2) The Peace Treaty of American Independence in 1783 was signed in the City of:
    - (a) Philadelphia
    - (b) London
    - (c) Paris
    - (d) Washington D.C.
    - (e) None of these
  - (3) "Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been written by:
    - (a) Harriet Beacher
    - (b) Paula Jones
    - (c) Monica Lewinsky
    - (d) None of these
  - (4) American Colonization Society was to:
    - (a) Support American expansionism
    - (b) Support anti slavery movement
    - (c) Settle Negroes in Africa
    - (d) None of these
  - (5) The only President to enjoy four terms:
    - (a) George Washington
    - (b) Thomas Jefferson
    - (c) Andrew Jackson
    - (d) Franklin D. Roosevelt
    - (e) None of these
  - (6) The 'Gold Rush' of California occurred in:
    - (a) 1848
    - (b) 1862
    - (c) 1865
    - (d) 1914
    - (e) None of these

**HISTORY OF U.S.A. :**

- (7) Next to Cotton the most valuable American export in 1860 was:  
(a) Cotton manufacturers (b) Tobacco (c) Wheat  
(d) Lumber (e) None of these
- (8) Who were called indentured servants:  
(a) Indians (b) Europeans (c) Black  
(d) British (e) None of these
- (9) France aid the American Revolutionary War because:  
(a) The French Government was devoted to democratic ideas  
(b) The Estate General forced the King to help  
(c) The French expected to regain Louisiana  
(d) The French wanted revenge on England  
(e) None of these
- (10) The Constitution of the United States provides that amendments may be proposed by:  
(a) Congress (b) The President  
(c) Governors of the States (d) States Conventions  
(e) None of these
- (11) "Common Sense" suggested:  
(a) Reconciliation with England (b) Commonwealth Status with England  
(c) Protest against Parliament (d) Rebellion against the King  
(e) None of these
- (12) What Revolution in Europe was influenced most directly by American Revolution:  
(a) Industrial Revolution (b) French Revolution  
(c) Glorious Revolution (d) Puritan Revolution  
(e) None of these
- (13) The First Bank of the United States was:  
(a) A Private Corporation (b) Government's Institution  
(c) City Worker's operated (d) Industrial management  
(e) None of these
- (14) In 1800 most of the Americans were:  
(a) Veterans (b) Hunters (c) Tradesmen  
(d) Farmers (e) None of these
- (15) "Muckrakers" were:  
(a) black city workers (b) White racists  
(c) Journalists (d) None of these
- (16) American Women got the right to vote in:  
(a) 1789 (b) 1865 (c) 1920  
(d) 1945 (e) None of these
- (17) The United States gained Texas from:  
(a) Mexico (b) Spain (c) France  
(d) Great Britain (e) None of these
- (18) Which is the fastest growing minority group in America:  
(a) blacks (b) Asian Americans (c) Red Indians  
(d) Hispanics (e) None of these
- (19) The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in:  
(a) December 1940 (b) December 1941  
(c) December 1942 (d) None of these
- (20) The only President who was elected more than twice:  
(a) George Washington (b) Andrew Jackson  
(c) Franklin D Roosevelt (d) None of these

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# FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BPS-17, UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2005

### HISTORY OF USA

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

NOTE: Attempt FIVE questions in all, including QUESTION NO.8, which is  
COMPULSORY. All questions carry EQUAL marks.

1. Some American historians insist that the American Revolution was a social upheaval as well as a political revolt. Discuss the social and economic results of the Revolutionary years.
2. What is Monroe Doctrine? On what occasions has it been enforced and with what results?
3. Assess the contributions of President Woodrow Wilson to the problem of world peace and security.
4. Compare and contrast the views of each of the following toward the institution of slavery in the United States.  
Charles Sumner, Stephen A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln.
5. Highlight salient aspects of American foreign policy since World War II.
6. What do you understand by 'Manifest Destiny'? What fruits it bore in the shape of expansion of United States?
7. Write short notes on any Two of the following:  
(a) Compromise of 1850                      (b) Jay's Treaty  
(c) War with England 1812                (d) NATO

### COMPULSORY QUESTION

8. Write only the correct answer in the answer book. Do not reproduce the question:
  - (1) Virgin Islands were purchased from:  
(a) Spain    (b) Denmark ✓  
(c) Portugal                                        (d) None of these
  - (2) Rhode Islands was \_\_\_\_\_ state to enter original 13 States which joined the Union:  
(a) First    (b) Last ✓  
(c) Penultimate                                (d) None of these
  - (3) Philippine Islands were acquired by US in \_\_\_\_\_:  
(a) 1909    (b) 1799  
✓(c) 1899    (d) None of these
  - (4) Puerto Rico ceded to US by \_\_\_\_\_:  
✓(a) Spain    (b) Denmark  
(c) Russia    (d) None of these
  - (5) John Adams was \_\_\_\_\_ US president:  
(a) Third    (b) Eleventh  
(c) Twenty Fifth                                ✓(d) None of these
  - (6) Spain financed Westward voyage of Columbus in \_\_\_\_\_:  
✓(a) 1492    ✓(b) 1482  
(c) 1472    (d) None of these

