**Big Idea Questions**

Be able to identify linkage institutions for multiple-choice questions.

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| • What is a political party?  
  • Organization that seeks to control the government through | |
| • How does someone become a member of a party?  
  • There are no ____________________________ to be a member  
  • A person can register (to vote in ____________________________ primaries), or can simply identify as a member | |
| • The Democratic and Republican Parties have national, state, and local offices | |

**The Function Of Political Parties**

- Political Parties serve several purposes:
  - Linkage institutions:
    - ________________
    - ________________ (future videos)
  - Pick candidates - ________________ candidates for particular offices
    - Only recently (______________________) has the public had a say in the nomination process
  - Run campaigns - With the ____________________________, political parties help fund, organize, and run a political campaign
  - Provide voters with ____________________________ - voters can gain information about a politician based on their political party
  - Vocalize policies - parties advocates a stance on particular issues
    - Democrats tend to be pro-______________, Republicans tend to be pro-__________

**Organization Of Political Parties: Local Level**

- Local parties were once dominated by Political Machines
  - Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed
  - Relied heavily on ____________________________ to reward supporters
- Today, the ________________ system has replaced patronage in many cases
  - ________________ service exams are required for many government jobs
- Role of parties on the local level:
  - Yard sign distribution
  - Provide support to state and local candidates - sharing information, get out the vote campaigns, etc.
Organization Of Political Parties: State Level

- Each state has different regulations in regards to political parties
  - Example: ____________________________ primary
- Open primary:
  - Voters are __________ required to register with a party to vote in a primary
  - Allows for _______________ voter participation
- Closed Primary:
  - Only individuals __________________________ with a party can vote in a primary
  - ____________________________ tend to favor closed primaries (forces individuals to register with a party, and identifies individuals)
- Virtually every state has a political party headquarters
  - State political parties tend to aid state campaigns, ___________ manage a campaign

Organization Of Political Parties: National Level

- National Convention:
  - Meets every ______ years and nominates the president and vice-president
  - Articulates the party’s __________________________
- National Committee:
  - Consists of representatives from __________________________ __________________________
- Chairperson:
  - Responsible for __________________________ the national party
    - __________ staff, raise ________________, pay bills, etc.
  - The president often picks the chairperson

Quick Recap

Test Tips

- Multiple-Choice:
Free Response:

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