

Undated alternate Alabama voter-registration test. Possibly 1964 or early 1965. Reported to be a test invalidated by federal Judge Johnson.

One possibility is that this test was briefly used by one or more Alabama counties to continue preventing nonwhites from registering to vote after the [standard 1965 literacy test](#) was barred by a federal court in response to a Freedom Movement lawsuit. If you have information about this test, please contact the [Civil Rights Movement Archive](#).

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ALABAMA LITERACY TEST

NAME _____

1. Which of the following is a right guaranteed by the Bill of Rights?
(1) Public Education (2) Employment (3) Voting (4) Trial by Jury
2. The federal census of population is taken each five years.
(True or False)
- ✓ 3. If a person is indicted for a crime, name two rights which he has.
(1) _____ (2) _____
4. A United States senator elected at the general election in November takes office the following year on what date? Jan 3, of next
5. A President elected at the general election in November takes office the following year on what date? Jan 20, of next
6. Which definition applies to the word "amendment"? (1) Proposed change, as in a Constitution (2) Making of peace between nations at war (3) A part of the government
7. A person appointed to the United States Supreme Court is appointed for a term of _____.
8. When the Constitution was approved by the original colonies, how many states had to ratify it in order for it to be in effect? _____
9. Does enumeration affect the income tax levied on citizens in various states? _____
10. Persons opposed to swearing in an oath may say, instead; "I solemnly _____"
11. To serve as President of the United States a person must have attained the age of (1) 25 (2) 35 (3) 40 (4) 45 years.
12. What words are required by law to be on all coins and paper currency of the United States? _____
13. The Supreme Court is the chief lawmaking body of the state. (True/False)
14. If a law passed by a state is contrary to provisions of the United States Constitution, which law prevails? _____
15. If a vacancy occurs in the United States Senate, the state must hold an election but, meanwhile, the place may be filled by a temporary appointment made by _____.
16. A United States senator is elected for a term of _____ years.
17. Appropriation of money for the armed services can be only for a a period of one year.
18. The Chief Executive and the administrative officers make up the _____.
19. Who passes laws dealing with piracy? Congress
20. The number of representatives which a state is entitled to have in the House of Representatives is based on population.

21. The Constitution protects an individual against punishments which are _____ and _____.
22. When a jury has heard and rendered a verdict in a case and the judgment on the verdict has become final, the defendant cannot again be brought to trial for the same cause (True or False)
23. Name two levels of government which can levy taxes.
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25. Cases tried before a court of law are of two types, civil, and _____
26. By a majority vote of the members of the Congress, the Congress can change provisions of the Constitution of the United States. (True or False)
27. For security, each state has a right to form a _____
28. The electoral vote for President is counted in the presence of two bodies. Name them: (1) _____ (2) _____
29. If no candidate for President receives a majority of the electoral vote, who decides who will become President? _____
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31. Of which branch of state government is the Speaker of the House a part? (1)Executive (2)Legislative (3)Judicial
32. Capital punishment is the giving of a death sentence. (True or False)
33. In the case of the President being unable to perform the duties of his office, who assumes them? _____
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If it were proposed to join Alabama and Mississippi to form one state, what groups would have to vote approval in order for this to be done?

40. The Vice-President presides over _____
41. The Constitution limits the size of the District of Columbia to 10 miles sq
42. The only laws which can be passed to apply to an area in the federal arsenal are those passed by _____ provided consent for the purchase of land is given by the _____
43. In which document or writing is the Bill of Rights found? _____
44. Of which branch of government is a Supreme Court Justice a part?
(1) Executive (2) Legislative (3) Judicial
45. If no person receives a majority of the electoral votes the Vice-President is chosen by the Senate. (True or False)
46. Name two things which the states are forbidden to do by the United States Constitution. (1) Gold money (2) make treaties
47. If election of the President becomes the duty of the United States House of Representatives and it fails to act, who becomes President and when? Vice Pres Jan 20 at 12 noon
48. How many votes must a person receive in order to become President if the election is decided by the United States House of Representatives?
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49. How many states were required to approve the original Constitution in order for it to be in effect? _____
50. Check the offenses below which, if you are convicted of them, disqualify you for voting. (1) murder (2) Petty Larceny (3) Issuing worthless checks (4) Manufacturing Whiskey
51. The Congress decides in what manner states elect presidential electors. (True or False)
52. Name two of the purposes of the United States Constitution.
(1) _____ (2) _____
53. Congress is composed of _____
54. All legislative powers granted in the United States Constitution may legally be used only by _____
55. The population census is required to be made every _____ years.
56. Impeachments of United States officials are tried by _____

- 9 57. If an effort to impeach the President of the United States is made, who presides at the trial? _____
58. On the impeachment of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, who tries the case? _____
59. Money is coined by order of: (1) U.S. Congress (2) The President's Cabinet (3) State Legislatures
60. Persons elected to cast a state's vote for the United States President and Vice President are called presidential _____
61. Name one power which is exclusively legislative and is mentioned in one of the parts of the United States Constitution above. _____
62. If a person flees from justice into another state, who has authority to ask for his return? _____
63. Whose duty is it to keep Congress informed of the state of the union? _____
64. If the two houses of Congress cannot agree on adjournment, who sets the time? _____
65. When the presidential electors meet to cast ballots for President, must all electors in a state vote for the same person for President or can they vote for different persons if they so choose? _____
66. After the presidential electors have voted, to whom do they send the count of their votes? *V.P. acting as Pres. of Senate*
67. The power to declare war is vested in _____
68. Any power and rights not given to the United States or prohibited to the states by the United States Constitution are specified as belonging to whom? _____

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| 1. | (4) Trial by Jury | (6) / 35. | U.S. Supreme Court |
| 2. | False | 36. | Appellate |
| 3. | Speedy and Public Trial and assistance of Counsel | 37. | (4) Trial by Jury |
| (1) / 4. | January 3rd at noon | 38. | True |
| (2) / 5. | January 20th at noon | 39. | Congress and State Legislature |
| 6. | (1) Proposed change, as in Constitution | 40. | Senate |
| 7. | (life) during good behavior | (2) / 41. | Ten miles Square |
| 8. | Nine | 42. | Congress; State |
| 9. | No | 43. | Constitution |
| 10. | Affirm | 44. | (3) Judicial |
| 11. | (2) 35 | 45. | True |
| 12. | In God We Trust | (8) / 46. | Coin money and make treaties |
| 13. | False | (9) / 47. | Vice-President -- January 20 at noon |
| 14. | U.S. Constitution | (15) / 48. | 26 votes |
| 15. | Governor | 49. | Nine |
| 16. | Six | 50. | Depends upon state |
| 17. | Of one year | 51. | False |
| 18. | Executive | 52. | Insure domestic tranquility; Promote the general welfare |
| (3) / 19. | Congress | 53. | House of Representatives and the Senate |
| (4) / 20. | Population | 54. | Congress |
| 21. | Cruel and Unusual | 55. | Ten |
| 22. | True | 56. | Senate |
| 23. | State and National | 57. | Chief Justice |
| 24. | (2) Russia | 58. | Senate |
| 25. | Criminal | 59. | (1) U.S. Congress |
| 26. | False | 60. | Electors |
| 27. | Militia | 61. | Power to declare war |
| 28. | House and Senate | 62. | Governor |
| 29. | House | 63. | President |
| (5) / 30. | Virginia | 64. | President |
| 31. | (2) Legislative | 65. | May vote as they choose |
| 32. | True | (11) / 66. | President of the Senate |
| 33. | Vice-President | 67. | Congress |
| 34. | True | 68. | To the states respectively or the people |