

BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS USA INTERACTIVE

Alabama Literacy Test

The State of Alabama used 100 different literacy tests to make it difficult for people to "study" for the test. Applicants were asked to pick a test at random from a loose-leaf notebook.

There were 68 questions. You had to get 90% to pass the test.

1. Which of the following is a right guaranteed by the Bill of Rights?

Public Education

Employment

Trial by Jury

Voting

2. The federal census of population is taken every five years.

True False

3. If a person is indicted for a crime, name two rights which he has.

5. A President elected at the general election in November takes office the following year on what date?

6. Which definition applies to the word "amendment?"

Proposed change, as in a Constitution

Make of peace between nations at war

A part of the government

7. A person appointed to the U.S. 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? _____

10. Person opposed to swearing in an oath may say, instead:

(solemnly) _____

11. To serve as President of the United States, a person must have attained:

_____ 25 years of age

_____ 35 years of age

_____ 40 years of age

_____ 45 years of age

13. The Supreme Court is the chief law making body of the state.

_____ True _____ False

14. If a law passed by a state is contrary to provisions of the U.S. Constitution, which law prevails?

15. If a vacancy occurs in the U.S. Senate, the state must hold an election, but meanwhile the place may be filled by a temporary appointment made by _____

16. A U.S. senator is elected for a term of _____ years.

17. Appropriation of money for the armed services can be only for a period limited to _____ years.

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 _____ False

23. Name two levels of government which can levy taxes:

Alabama Literacy Test Answers

1. Trial by Jury only	16. Six
2. False (every 10 years)	17. Two
3. Habeas Corpus (immediate presentation of charges); lawyer; speedy trial.	21. Cruel and unusual
5. January 20	22. True
6. Proposed change, as in a Constitution	23. State and local
7. Life (with good behaviour)	
8. Nine	
10. Affirm	
11. 35	
13. False	
14. U.S. Constitution	
15. The governor	