AP Government and Politics
Summer/Winter Assignment
This is an extra credit assignment worth 25 points. Directions: Read the U.S. Constitution and complete the Constitution Scavenger Hunt directly on this paper. Must be handwritten, neatly. The extra credit assignment is due during the second week of school or of second semester. If you have a question or need assistance, please email me at zuercherd@pcsb.org.

Article I
1. How often are Representatives to be elected? ______________________________________________________

2. How long is the term for a senator? ______________________________________________________________

3. How were senators originally chosen? Which amendment changed that? _______________________________

4. Who is the president of the Senate and when may that person vote? _________________________________

5. Which legislative body has the power of impeachment and which body has the power to try an impeached official? ______________________________________________________________

6. Who shall officiate when a president is tried for impeachment? _________________________________

7. What is the required vote that is necessary to convict someone who has been impeached? ______________

8. What is the only penalty that can be imposed on someone who has been impeached? __________________

9. Who decides the times, places, and manner for holding elections for Congress? ______________________

10. In what federal body do all bills concerning taxes originate? _________________________________

11. What fraction of both houses must vote to override a veto? _________________________________

12. What happens when a president doesn’t return a bill in 10 days and what is the exception to that rule? ______________________________________________________________

13. In Section 8, the Constitution lists or enumerates the powers of Congress. List SIX of them.
   1. __________________________________________ 2. ___________________________________________
   3. __________________________________________ 4. ___________________________________________
   5. __________________________________________ 6. ___________________________________________

14. Identify the purpose of the Commerce Clause. ____________________________________________________

15. In Section 8, which clause gives Congress the most general, non-specific powers? ______________________

16. What is the purpose of that clause? ______________________________________________________________

17. Name THREE limits on the powers of the states.
   1. __________________________________________ 2. ___________________________________________
   3. __________________________________________
Article II
18. How is it determined how many electors each state has?

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19. Name THREE powers of the President.
   1. __________________________ 2. __________________________ 3. __________________________

20. Which body of Congress approves nominations?

21. What can a president or other officers be impeached for?

Article III
22. What is the term of office for Supreme Court justices? When may they be removed?

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23. Who gets to decide how many federal courts we have?

24. In which cases does the Supreme Court have original jurisdiction?
   1. __________________________ 2. __________________________ 3. __________________________
   4. __________________________ 5. __________________________ 6. __________________________
   7. __________________________ 8. __________________________

Article IV
25. What is the topic of Article IV?

26. What limitation is put on admitting new states to the Union?

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Article V
27. What fraction of the houses of Congress is necessary to approve a proposed amendment?

Article VI
28. What does the Constitution say about which law shall predominate if there is any conflict between laws?

29. What qualification for holding any public office is forbidden?

Article VII
30. How many states had to ratify the Constitution?

31. What is the supremacy clause?

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Amendments
32. Name the FIVE basic civil liberties guaranteed in the First Amendment.
   1. __________________________ 2. __________________________ 3. __________________________
   4. __________________________ 5. __________________________

33. In your own words, explain the free exercise clause.

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34. Which amendment outlaws “cruel and unusual punishments?”

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35. Put the Ninth Amendment in your own words. ____________________________________________________
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36. Define enumerated. _______________________________________________________________________
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37. Name the one part of Amendment 14 and explain it. _________________ ____________________________
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38. Name the other part of Amendment 14 and explain it. _____________________________________________
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39. Define Incorporation Doctrine. _________________________________________________________________________
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40. Put the Tenth Amendment in your own words. ____________________________________________________
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41. When can the government take private property and what must the government give the owners? Which amendment established this? ______________________________________________________
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42. List the FIVE rights that the accused has when suspected of a crime.
1. _______________________
2. _______________________
3. _______________________
4. _______________________
5. _______________________

43. Which amendment gave women the right to vote and in what year was it passed? _________________________

44. Which amendment decided that a person could be president for only two terms? __________________________

45. On what day does the Constitution state that a new president shall be inaugurated? Which amendment establishes this?
When must the new Congress meet?  _________________________________________________________________
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46. Which amendment establishes what to do if the president is incapacitated and can’t perform his duties? _________

47. Name two important influences on the writing of the Constitution. ______________________________
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48. Define Civil Liberties. _______________________________________________________________________
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49. Define Civil Rights. _______________________________________________________________________
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50. What is the most important amendment to you and why ____________________________________________
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