

A **bureaucracy** is a **system of leaders** who carry out the work of the government through the use of departments or bureaus, each under the control of a director.

**Welfare state.** Arguments continue back and forth as to the limits of the American government in making our country a welfare state. Many people feel that we have done too much for people who could otherwise work; still others feel that we have a long way to go in order to help those in need. A welfare state is a country in which the government assumes a large share of the social caretaking of the people. Some states in our country have instituted a **workfare** legislation, which states that if a person is physically able to work, they must find employment in order to receive welfare benefits.

**Habeas corpus.** Habeas corpus is a much-admired right of American citizens. It can be considered a "defensive" mechanism that keeps a person from being held in jail indefinitely without a trial. The reference is to the full term writ of habeas corpus, which is a directive by a judge which requires the police to bring an arrested person into court. The court then makes a decision as to whether there is just cause to keep the person held as prisoner. In many countries where freedoms are limited, habeas corpus is seen as one of the pillars which make our country's freedoms so outstanding.

**Autocracy.** Whenever George Washington was first considered for leadership of our country, there was talk of making him King of America. After all, an autocracy under Washington would work out quite well, wouldn't it? However, when you realize that an **autocracy is giving one person complete control over all branches of government**, you begin to understand why the actual thought was never carried out. The citizens of the United States wanted an active role in the workings of the government. Louis XVI was an autocrat that ruled France. Louis XVI not only held sway over the clergy and the nobility, he ruled with complete authority over the common people as well. In many autocracies in history, the ruling powers went so far as to approve and reject sermons by the churches—sometimes even writing the sermons for the ministers to preach. Autocrats could appoint and dismiss members of governmental branches whenever they desired.



*KING LOUIS XVI*

## THINK ABOUT IT..



"The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem."  
- Milton Friedman

Do you agree with Friedman's statement? When do you feel that this is true? At what times have you found this to be false? Discuss your views with your teacher or parents.



"[Independence Day] ... will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore."

- John Adams

## VOCABULARY

Study these words to enhance your learning success in this section.

<b>absentee voting</b>	Process for those who cannot be present at their polling place because of health or obligation
<b>Australian ballot</b>	A secret ballot, originated in Australia
<b>contested election</b>	If a losing candidate feels that fraud has occurred he may call the commission to recount the votes
<b>election board</b>	Selected by district election board, a group that sees to the fairness and efficiency of an election
<b>inspector</b>	One who is responsible for the proper conduct of the election
<b>office-bloc arrangement</b>	Titles of offices appear across the ballot; the candidates of parties for each office are below the titles
<b>oral voting</b>	Older form of voting where voters would call out the name of the candidate
<b>party column method</b>	Names of the parties appear at tops of the columns; titles of various offices are shown at sides
<b>poll watcher</b>	A citizen who is paid by the parties to keep a watchful eye on the voters and the officials
<b>polling place</b>	Specific voting area; each voter is assigned a particular place within the district where he lives
<b>secret ballot</b>	Ballot that is kept private and distributed only at the polling places and only by the election officials

## VOTING IN ELECTIONS



INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA



**Voting is a citizen's right in America.** Terry shows up at evening college classes, munching a doughnut and wearing an American flag sticker. "What's with you and the sticker and doughnut?" asks George. Terry swallows. "I just voted in my precinct at the fire station!" George turns pale. "Oh, man!" he exclaims, "I almost forgot! My polling place is at the library. I think I have about twenty minutes!" Terry waves to him as George leaps into his car and shouts, "I'll tell the professor you'll be a bit late for class!" George and Terry don't

## SELF TEST 1

### Matching: (each answer 2 points)

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|-------|--------------------------|---|
| 1.01  | _____ zoning laws        | a. restrictions and rules governing business conduct  |
| 1.02  | _____ fire codes         | b. a continuing increase in prices and weakening of the purchasing power of money                 |
| 1.03  | _____ contract           | c. codes and rules instituted for the safety of a structure and the well-being of its inhabitants |
| 1.04  | _____ regulations        | d. specifications and safety measures required for buildings                                      |
| 1.05  | _____ building standards | e. specific district allowances and restrictions, usually governing the flow of business          |
| 1.06  | _____ inflation          | f. granting of official permission to perform a service   |
| 1.07  | _____ purchasing power   | g. to make payment to; to financially award a person  |
| 1.08  | _____ wage-price spiral  | h. wage increases that compete with higher consumer prices in an ever-escalating upturn           |
| 1.09  | _____ licensing          | i. actual money's worth for buying products   |
| 1.010 | _____ compensate         | j. legally binding written agreement between purchaser and seller                                 |

### Fill in the blanks: (each answer 3 points)

- 1.011 \_\_\_\_\_ is acting within the good principles of society and within the accepted rules of proper behavior.

### Essay: (Use a separate sheet of paper) (5 points)

- 1.012 According to the Reader's Digest article, how can you save money when it comes to cars?

### Fill in the blanks: (3 points)

- 1.013 When shopping, be sure to check prices on comparable items. It is also a good idea to check the store's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.014 One way to save at the supermarket is to get information on sales. You can do this by looking in newspaper ads, TV or radio commercials or even the \_\_\_\_\_.



### Matching: (each answer 2 points)

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|-------|---------------------|---|
| 1.015 | _____ warranty      | a. "let the buyer beware"   |
| 1.016 | _____ Caveat Emptor | b. an instrument used to measure the distance traveled by a vehicle                                 |
| 1.017 | _____ return policy | c. a guarantee that is legally binding to the company who issues it                                 |
| 1.018 | _____ odometer      | d. guidelines by which a product may be brought back by the purchaser to the seller for an exchange |

### Fill in the blanks: (each answer 3 points)

- 1.019 A deduction from a full purchase amount that is repaid to the consumer is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.020 After Christmas is a time when businesses wish to move a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ and ready themselves for the next sales season.
- 1.021 An important part of a Christian's obligation as a manager is to be fair to his workers. "Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither \_\_\_\_\_ him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning" (\_\_\_\_\_ 19:13).

**Fill in the blanks** (each answer, 3 points).

1.   Which is the flag of Greece? The flag on the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Over \_\_\_\_\_ % of the country of Germany claims no religious affiliation, while almost 40% of the people calling themselves Protestant and just under 35% Roman Catholic.

3. Spain is mostly surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_.

4. In \_\_\_\_\_, the constitutional monarch is Queen Beatrix.

5. Nearly \_\_\_\_\_ of Australia's population settles in Sydney.

6. The capital city of the territory of Hong Kong is \_\_\_\_\_.

7. The largest cities in the United States in 1790 was New York City with a population of \_\_\_\_\_.

8. New York and Pennsylvania are in the \_\_\_\_\_ part of the country.

9. The capital city of the state of Delaware is \_\_\_\_\_.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ is tucked between Sweden and the Norwegian Sea.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ is an ancient Japanese city site of temples, palaces, gardens and museums.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ is a country that is bountiful in hydroelectricity and petroleum-rich North Sea reserves.

13. The Mexican government is encouraging \_\_\_\_\_ of businesses to compete for the rights to own and operate railroads, telecommunications, electricity, and airports.

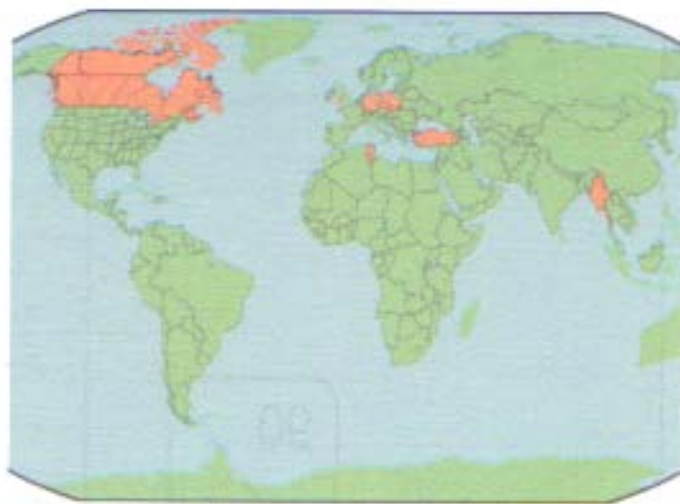
14. Through NAFTA Canada, Mexico, and the United States want to eliminate \_\_\_\_\_ between them.

15. Canada is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest nation in the world.

16. The lowest temperature ever recorded in Canada was  $-63^{\circ}\text{C}$  at Snag, Yukon Territory, on February 3, 1947. In Fahrenheit, that is \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The city in Israel known for its international trade and docks is the city of \_\_\_\_\_.

18. The easternmost highlighted country on the map on the right is \_\_\_\_\_ . The westernmost country on the above map is \_\_\_\_\_ . The country located on the African continent is \_\_\_\_\_ .



19. It was in the city of Antioch that Jesus' followers first were called "Christians." We can read about it in \_\_\_\_\_.