

SECTION 1 QUIZ

The Changing View of Presidential Power

A. KEY TERMS AND CONCEPTS

Read the statements below. If a statement is true, write T in the blank provided. If it is false, write F.

- _____ 1. At the Philadelphia Convention, some of the Framers argued that the President should be subordinate to Congress.
- _____ 2. The scope of a President's power depends largely on the views of the President.
- _____ 3. One reason that presidential power has grown in this century is the President's ability to command the attention of the media.
- _____ 4. In its early stages, industrialization weakened the power of the presidency.
- _____ 5. During the entire 19th century, presidential power remained stable.

B. MAIN IDEAS

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided.

- _____ 6. Congress has delegated a great deal of authority to the President because
 - a. Congress does not have the power to make laws.
 - b. Congress has time to provide only general outlines for public policy.
 - c. Congress recognizes that the Constitution is vague about the powers of the presidency.
 - d. Congress recognizes that the Framers intended for Congress to carry out the will of the President.
- _____ 7. In times of national emergency,
 - a. the powers of the presidency are strengthened.
 - b. Congress tends to go along with the President.
 - c. the public looks to the President to take the lead.
 - d. all of the above.
- _____ 8. "I acted for the common well-being of all our people, whenever and in whatever manner was necessary, unless prevented by direct constitutional or legislative prohibition." This view of the presidency was supported by all of the following EXCEPT
 - a. William Howard Taft.
 - b. James Wilson.
 - c. Theodore Roosevelt.
 - d. Alexander Hamilton.
- _____ 9. "The true view of the executive function is . . . that the President can exercise no power which cannot be fairly and reasonably traced to some specific grant of power [from Congress or the Constitution]." This view of the presidency would have been supported by
 - a. Roger Sherman.
 - b. Abraham Lincoln.
 - c. James Madison.
 - d. Franklin Roosevelt.
- _____ 10. As American society has become more complex, the American people have
 - a. grown cautious about placing power in the hands of any one person.
 - b. begun to demand that State and local governments take over more and more of the duties of government.
 - c. looked to the Federal Government and to the President for leadership.
 - d. recognized that no one person can understand and manage the enormous federal bureaucracy.