U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Civics Questions for the 65/20 Exemption

The Immigration and Nationality Act provides for special consideration of the civics test for applicants who, at the time of filing their Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, are over 65 years old and have been a permanent resident for at least 20 years. These applicants qualify to take the civics test in the language of their choice. They are also given special consideration as they are only required to study 20 of the 100 civics test questions for the naturalization test.

1. **What is <u>one</u> right or freedom from the First Amendment?***
   - *speech*
   - *religion*
   - *assembly*
   - *press*
   - *petition the government*
2. **What is the economic system in the United States?***
   - *capitalist economy*
   - *market economy*
3. **Name <u>one</u> branch or part of the government.***
   - *Congress*
   - *legislative*
   - *President*
   - *executive*
   - *the courts*
   - *judicial*
4. **What are the <u>two</u> parts of the U.S. Congress?***
   - *the Senate and House (of Representatives)*
5. **Who is <u>one</u> of your state's U.S. Senators now?***
   - *Answers will vary. [District of Columbia residents and residents of U.S. territories should answer that D.C. (or the territory where the applicant lives) has no U.S. Senators.]*
6. **In what month do we vote for President?***
   - *November*
7. **What is the name of the President of the United States now?***
   - *Barack Obama*
   - *Obama*
8. **What is the capital of your state?***
   - *Answers will vary. [District of Columbia residents should answer that D.C. is not a state and does not have a capital. Residents of U.S. territories should name the capital of the territory.]*
9. **What are the <u>two</u> major political parties in the United States?***
   - *Democratic and Republican*

10. What is <u>one</u> responsibility that is only for United States citizens?*
- *serve on a jury*
- *vote in a federal election*

11. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?*
- *eighteen (18) and older*

12. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?*
- *April 15*

13. Who was the first President?*
- *(George) Washington*

14. What was <u>one</u> important thing that Abraham Lincoln did?*
- *freed the slaves (Emancipation Proclamation)*
- *saved (or preserved) the Union*
- *led the United States during the Civil War*

15. Name <u>one</u> war fought by the United States in the 1900s.*
- *World War I*
- *World War II*
- *Korean War*
- *Vietnam War*
- *(Persian) Gulf War*

16. What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?*
- *fought for civil rights*
- *worked for equality for all Americans*

17. What is the capital of the United States?*
- *Washington, D.C.*

18. Where is the Statue of Liberty?*
- *New York (Harbor)*
- *Liberty Island*

[Also acceptable are New Jersey, near New York City, and on the Hudson (River).]

19. Why does the flag have 50 stars?*
- *because there is one star for each state*
- *because each star represents a state*
- *because there are 50 states*

20. When do we celebrate Independence Day?*
- *July 4*