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Political Parties

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which viewpoint is associated with the Democrats' platform?

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| A. less taxes for the wealthy | C. larger government |
| B. fewer social programs | D. smaller government |

2. Which viewpoint is associated with the Republicans' platform?

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| A. higher taxes | C. universal healthcare |
| B. larger government | D. smaller government |

3. At the Republican national convention, which animal and color would you expect to see?

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| A. elephants and blue | C. elephants and red |
| B. donkeys and blue | D. donkeys and red |

4. At the Democratic national convention, which animal and color would you expect to see?

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| A. elephants and blue | C. elephants and red |
| B. donkeys and blue | D. donkeys and red |

5. What is the name of one of the smaller political parties in the United States?

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| A. Green | C. Democrat |
| B. Liberal | D. Republican |

6. Who said he did not want there to be any political parties?

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| A. Thomas Jefferson | C. James Madison |
| B. George Washington | D. John Adams |

7. Which pair of words matches the Democrats?

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| A. conservative and left | C. conservative and right |
| B. liberal and right | D. liberal and left |

8. Which pair of words is associated with the Republicans?

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| A. conservative and left | C. conservative and right |
| B. liberal and right | D. liberal and left |

9. Which of the following describes a political party's platform?

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| A. The platform is a list of the party's stances on various issues. | C. The platform changes frequently to match members' views. |
| B. The platform is the list of candidates that are vying for political office. | D. The platform is a large, enjoyable party for the members. |

10. True or False: There have always been two main political parties in the United States.

- A. True
- B. False