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The Presidential Election - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Tanya was born in Wisconsin. She is 33 years old and wants to run for U.S. president. Is she eligible?

- A. No, because she is a female. ☒ C. No, because of her age.
B. No, because of her birthplace. D. Yes, she meets the requirements.

2. What document outlines the guidelines for who can run for president of the United States?

- ☒ A. the Constitution C. the Presidential Rulebook
B. the Declaration of Independence D. the Mayflower Compact

3. What is the name of one of the major political parties that holds primary elections?

- A. Liberal C. Conservative
B. Environmental ☒ D. Republican

4. Ralph has won his party's nomination. Where will his candidacy be officially announced?

- A. on his party's website C. at the rival party's national convention
☒ B. at his party's national convention D. in the newspaper

5. Which of the following is a true statement about **primary elections**?

- A. People who belong to the party go to Washington, DC, to cast their ballots. C. Everyone votes on the first Tuesday in November.
B. People who belong to the Electoral College cast their ballots in November. ☒ D. States stagger their primary elections between January and June.

6. Chris has won the Democratic party nomination. What will Chris do next?

- A. pick a person to be Secretary of State
- B. pick someone to be in charge of fundraising and debates
- C. pick a running mate who, if elected, will be the president
- ☒ D. pick a running mate who, if elected, will be the vice president

7. Consider the two different types of elections. Which statement is true?

- ☒ A. The candidates in the general election earn Electoral College votes.
- B. There is only one primary election but multiple general elections.
- C. The general election decides who will run as a presidential candidate.
- D. The primary election decides who will be the next president.

8. What is a swing state?

- ☒ A. A state in which two major political parties have similar levels of support
- B. a state that has a large number of electoral votes
- C. a state that historically votes for one of the minor political parties
- D. a state that hosts the national convention for a political party

9. How does the Electoral College work?

- A. It guarantees that the winner of the popular vote wins the presidency.
- B. The Electoral College casts its votes on the first Tuesday in November.
- C. The Electoral College casts its votes on January 20.
- ☒ D. Each state casts a number of electoral votes equal to their members of Congress.

10. Pat and Kanye both have the same number of Electoral College votes. How will the next president be chosen?

- A. a vote by the Senate
- ☒ B. a vote by the House of Representatives
- C. a vote by Congress (Senate and the House of Representatives)
- D. another general election will be held immediately