

STUDY GUIDE for the Georgia Constitution Exam

1. Which of the following is a power of the Georgia State Senate?
a. To impeach judges
b. To impeach the Governor
c. To impeach the Lieutenant Governor
d. To impeach the Attorney General
2. According to Article I, Section 3, how is the Governor elected?
a. By the Georgia State Senate
b. By the Georgia State House
c. By the Georgia State Constitution
d. Only by what process?
3. Which of the following is an effective defense against an accusation of libel, according to Article I, Section 1?
a. Truth
b. Public interest
c. Fairness
d. Accuracy
4. Who are considered citizens of Georgia, according to Article I, Section 1?
a. All persons born in Georgia
b. All persons born in the United States
c. All persons born in Georgia or the United States
d. All persons born in Georgia, the United States, or any other country
5. According to Article I, Section 1, which of the following kinds of laws is the General Assembly *not* allowed to enact?
a. Laws that create or alter the courts
b. Laws that create or alter the offices of judges
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7. According to Article I, Section 1, which of the following is the *ultimate* authority to determine the *facts* at issue in a trial?
a. The Georgia State Senate
b. The Georgia State House
c. The Georgia State Constitution
d. The Georgia State Courts
8. According to Article I, Section 1, under what circumstance may a person *not* be placed on trial for the same offense for a *second* time?
a. If the person is a minor
b. If the person is a juvenile
c. If the person is a woman
d. If the person is a man

18. If an elected official is indicted by a grand jury on felony charges, what kind of commission is appointed?
19. In the state of Georgia, legislative power is vested in which body?
20. According to Article III, Section II, what are the limitations placed on the number of members of the Georgia General Assembly?
21. Who determines the location of boundaries of legislative districts?
22. When are the boundaries of legislative districts redrawn?
23. What is the minimum-age requirement for members of the Georgia General Assembly?
24. What is the term of office of members of the Georgia General Assembly?
25. What is the term of office of members of the state Senate?
26. Which of the following statements is true about the lieutenant governor?
27. In the absence of the Speaker of the House, what is the title of the individual who temporarily presides?
28. What is the title of the individual who carries out the clerical and record-keeping work of the state Senate?
29. Under ordinary circumstances, what is the maximum length of an annual session of the General Assembly?
30. When may the governor call a special session of the state legislature?
31. Which of the following is a privilege of members of the General Assembly?
32. Which of the following statements about committees in the General Assembly is true?
33. What kind of bills may originate *only* in the state House of Representatives?
34. According to Article III, Section 7, what is the process for amending the Georgia Constitution?

governor have to consider whether to veto the act until it goes into effect without his signature?

38. How may a gubernatorial veto of an act of the General Assembly be overridden?

39. Which of the following statements about vetoes is true?

40. According to Article III, Section 6, which of the following statements about the powers of the General Assembly is true?

41. Who has the authority to impeach an official of the state government?

42. If a state official is impeached, where is the trial held to determine whether the official will be removed?

43. If an impeachment is tried in the state Senate, who presides over the trial?

44. Public money may only be drawn from the treasury with what kind of bill?

45. Various portions of the state budget are designated for specific legislative districts. These earmarks are often referred to by critics as what?

46. What is the purpose of the Public Service Commission?

47. Execution of the death sentence is suspended if how many members of the State Board of Pardons and Parole want(s) a delay until the board can meet?

48. Who establishes policies for the State Merit System?

49. According to Article IV, Section 3, which applicants shall be given preference in any civil service program?

50. Which of the following boards and commissions is *not* established by the state Constitution?

51. According to Article IV, Section 4, who selects the commissioner of transportation?

52. Which of the following is a qualification to serve on the Veterans Service Board?

53. Which of the following helps to determine the number of members of the boards of Education, Natural Resources, Regents, and Transportation?

54. Is a governor who is completing a second consecutive term eligible to run again?

55. To run for governor and serve in that office, a person must have been a U. S. citizen for what period of time?

56. What is the minimum age requirement for lieutenant governor?
57. What happens upon the death, resignation, or permanent disability of the Governor?
58. Which of the following is *not* a power of the governor?
59. What is the minimum age requirement for the state superintendent of schools?
60. Which of the following is a qualification to be attorney general?
61. According to Article V, Section 4, which of the following is *not* a constitutional executive power?
62. A petition from whom is necessary for the state Supreme Court to determine whether a law is constitutional?
63. According to Article VI, Section 1, which of the following is *not* a court of limited jurisdiction?
64. According to Article VI, Section 1, which of the following courts may issue a writ of mandamus?
65. Which of the following is an area that has a superior court, a magistrate court, a probate court, a social services court, a juvenile court, a family court, a district court, a court of appeals, or a supreme court?
66. Except in special circumstances, where is a superior-court trial in a civil case held?
67. In which court is a divorce case heard?
68. What kind of jurisdiction do both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals have?
69. Which court hears any appeal of a court decision about the outcome of an election?
70. What does the Supreme Court issue if it wants to hear an appeal from the Court of Appeals?
71. In what kind of election do state judges run?
72. A Supreme Court justice serves for what term of office?
73. Which of the following may decide to remove judges during their term of office?
74. In a criminal trial in a Superior Court, the jury has how many members?
75. Which of the following is *not* true about district attorneys?

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94. Which of the following is *not* an official of the *county*?

95. What term