CH 11 Virginia State government (pages 293- 314)

Answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper. Complete sentences are NOT required. Just answer the questions. You will be handing them into me for a grade. I will grade and return them.

1. What is “Public Policy”?
2. Give an example of public policy which has or may have a direct impact on you.
3. Why would a government official need to make a “Trade Off”?
4. Give an example of a trade-off you have had to make
5. What is Federalism?
6. What does the 10th amendment do?
7. Give 4 examples of “shared powers”
8. Define “Unitary Government”.
9. Summarize what Linda Chavez says about power and state governments.
10. What do you think? Should the states have more power? Should the central government have more power? Explain your answer. Give examples
11. What was Virginia’s first lawmaking body? When was it created?
12. What are the houses of VA’s legislature called?
13. What are they tasked with doing specifically?
14. What is meant by “Referendum” as it pertains to VA’s citizens?
15. Explain how VA citizens can impact legislation and influence lawmakers.
16. What are the requirements to be a VA Senator?
17. How many Senators are there in VA?
18. What are the qualifications to be a delegate in VA?
19. How many delegates are there in VA?
20. Explain “Apportionment” with regards to representation in Virginia
21. How many Senate Districts are there in Virginia Currently?
22. Who is the Current Lieutenant Gov? What are the duties of the Lt Gov in the VA Senate?
23. Who is the Current Speaker in the House of Delegates? What are the duties of the Speaker?
24. What does Article 8 of the VA Constitution require?
25. How many steps are there in a creating a law in VA?
26. Summarize the steps
27. What is the one fundamental difference in the Law making process in VA from that of the Federal Gov. ?
28. Which article of the VA Constitution defines the office of Governor?
29. What are the qualifications to be Gov in VA?
30. How long is the Gov’s term?
31. Can they run for another term? Explain
32. Describe the Gov’s role as chief of state.
33. Describe the Gov’s role as Chief Legislator.
34. Describe the Gov’s role as chief administrator
35. Describe the Gov’s role as Commander in Chief
36. What does the Lt Gov do? Who is the Current Lt Gov?
37. What does the Attorney General do? Who is the Current Attorney General?
38. Define the 3 roles of VA’s Court system
39. Describe the four levels of VA’s Courts.
40. In what is the “judicial power of the Commonwealth” vested?
41. How many justices are in the VA Sup Court? How long is their term?
42. What is the primary “job” of the VA Sup Ct?
43. What is “Original Jurisdiction”?
44. What courts were established in 1985?
45. What kinds of cases do these courts hear?
46. How many Circuit courts are there in VA? How many judicial districts are there?
47. Summarize the kinds of cases heard in circuit court. (you may use bullets)
48. Summarize the kinds of cases heard in Gen District courts and in Juvenile and Domestic relations courts. (YES! You may use bullets again!)
49. How are VA’s Supreme court justices and other judges chosen?
50. What are the basic requirements to be a judge or justice in VA?
51. What “check” is in place to make sure Judges and Justices are good guys?
52. Explain what a “Magistrate” is.