1. The Speaker of the TX House is
   A) Greg Abbott
   B) Joe Straus
   C) Dan Patrick
   D) Mike Pence

2. Which body is granted the “power of the purse” (funding policies)?
   A) Texas House
   B) Texas Senate
   C) lt. governor
   D) both Texas House and Texas Senate

3. According to the Texas Constitution, what are the qualification/s for being a member of the Texas House of Representatives?
   A) at least 21 years of age
   B) at citizen of Texas at least two years prior to election
   C) a resident of the district from which he or she is elected one year prior to election
   D) all of the above

4. What is the legislature's chief responsibility?
   A) to create and pass legislation
   B) to confirm judges
   C) to hold special sessions
   D) to promote ideological consensus

5. Who co-chairs the Legislative Budget Board (LBB)?
   A) the president and vice president
   B) the governor and lt. governor
   C) the Speaker of the House and lt. governor
   D) the Speaker of the House and governor

6. Lower percentages of bills passed in the last few sessions reflect the increasing dominance of
   A) moderate Republicans, who are automatically against the Abbott agenda
   B) liberals, who have been successful at blocking conservative legislation
   C) conservatives, who favor fewer laws and less regulation, in the legislature
   D) party polarization and conflict.
7. Resolutions that are passed separately but at the same time by both chambers and are used to give directions to state agencies on procedural issues such as legislative adjournment or special sessions initiation are called
A) joint resolutions
B) concurrent resolutions
C) simple resolutions
D) revenue bills

8. What is the length of term for a Texas House member?
A) one-year
B) two-years
C) three-years
D) four-years

9. The presiding officer of the Texas Senate is called the
A) governor
B) Lt. governor
C) Speaker of the House
D) majority leader

10. An individual who currently holds public office is referred to as a(n)
A) statesman
B) challenger
C) Texas core man
D) incumbent

11. Legislation that conveys the will of the chamber is referred to as a
A) general law
B) local law
C) special law
D) resolution

12. A small group of legislators who investigate, craft, assess, and take action on legislation before it is considered by the whole chamber, is called a
A) committee
B) legislative council
C) body
D) assessment team
13. According to the Texas Constitution, what are the qualification/s for being a member of the Texas Senate?
A) at least 26 years of age
B) a citizen of Texas at least five years prior to election
C) a resident of the district from which he or she is elected one year prior to election
D) all of the above

14. Permanent committees that deal with a specific issue or topic are referred to as
A) standing committees
B) select committees
C) joint committees
D) temporary committees

15. Legislative sessions that can be called by the governor on any issue the governor decides requires attention, are referred to as a
A) typical session
B) regular session
C) spring session
D) special session

16. How many members are there in the Texas House of Representatives?
A) 150
B) 100
C) 435
D) 31

17. During Ted Cruz’ filibuster, what did he read?
A) War and Peace
B) Green Eggs and Ham
C) Horton hears a Who
D) When the Grinch stole Christmas

18. How many days are in a regular session of the Texas Legislature?
A) 140 days
B) 120 days
C) 100 days
D) 80 days
19. Holding the House, Senate, and Governors office is referred to as
   A) Triple Play
   B) Tifecta
   C) Right of the Republicans
   D) Three 4 1

20. When legislators and their staff assist constituents in their districts with specific requests, they are doing:
   A) casework
   B) position taking
   C) credit claiming
   D) all of the above

21. What type of legislature is Texas classified as?
   A) “weak”
   B) “strong”
   C) “partisan”
   D) “non-partisan”

22. Which French political scientist conceived the bicameral division as a means of ensuring that no one chamber dominated the other?
   A) Locke
   B) Montesquieu
   C) Jefferson
   D) Madison

23. The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) writes _______________________, setting the stage for future debate.
   A) the first draft of the state budget
   B) the final draft of the state budget
   C) policy proposal
   D) cost analysis

24. Examining tweets from the 84th Legislature, which issues appear to receive the most attention?
   A) fracking and transportation
   B) border security and water rights
   C) marijuana and LGBT rights
25. If order for bill to go to the governor's desk,
   A) it must pass the House chamber
   B) both chambers have to agree on legislation
   C) it must pass the Senate chamber
   D) it must clear all committee hearings

26. A legislator who is simply a mouthpiece for the wishes of his or her constituency is following the ________________ model of representation.
   A) trustee
   B) delegate
   C) credit-claiming
   D) all of the above

27. The Texas Senate must confirm all nominees by at least a ________ majority.
   A) simple
   B) 2/3
   C) 3/4
   D) 9/10

28. The presiding officer of the Texas House is called the:
   A) governor
   B) lt. governor
   C) Speaker of the House
   D) majority leader

29. What is the length of term for a Texas Senator?
   A) one-year
   B) two-years
   C) three-years
   D) four-years

30. What was Wendy Davis filibustering
   A) That fact that women are under represented in the Texas government
   B) A bill putting more restrictions on abortions
   C) A bill legalizing Marijuana
   D) A bill allowing for less restrictions on abortion
31. Our Current Lt. Governor is
A) Joe Straus  
B) Gregg Abbott  
C) Dan Patrick  
D) Mike Pence

32. A law where the bill potentially affects all Texans is referred to as
A) a general law  
B) a local law  
C) a special law  
D) a resolution

33. A legislative body with two chambers or houses is referred to as
A) unicameral  
B) bicameral  
C) unimodal  
D) bimodal

34. A legislator who votes in accordance with their interpretation of what his or her district would want is following the ___________ model of representation.
A) trustee  
B) delegate  
C) credit-claiming  
D) all of the above

35. Which body has responsibilities that require more deliberation, such as confirming or rejecting all of the governor's appointments to state boards and commissions?
A) Texas House  
B) Texas Senate  
C) Lt. governor  
D) both Texas House and Texas Senate

36. Resolutions that are used to propose amendments to the Texas Constitution or to ratify proposed amendments to the US Constitution are called:
A) joint resolutions  
B) concurrent resolutions  
C) simple resolutions  
D) revenue bills
37. What is a Texas Legislator's annual salary?
A) $34,000
B) $7,200
C) $55,000
D) $120,000

38. What did Rick Perry do when Wendy Davis' filibuster was successful?
A) Made an Executive order to make the law
B) Suggested the Legislature take up the issue in the next regular session
C) Called a special session to pass the bill any way
D) Nothing, rick Perry never did anything

39. How many members are there in the Texas Senate?
A) 150
B) 100
C) 435
D) 31

40. A law that exempts businesses or individuals from state laws is referred to as a
A) general law
B) local law
C) special law
D) resolution

41. Voting in the legislature for another member of congress is
A) illegal and strictly enforced
B) legal and allowed
C) illegal and ignored
D) legal and rarely done

42. A committee that is temporary and has a fixed issue to investigate or legislation to consider is referred to as
A) standing committees
B) select committees
C) joint committees
D) temporary committees

43. Incumbency re-election rates are usually around ___________ for Texas legislators.
A) 70–80%
B) 40–50%
C) 30–40%
D) 20–30%

Answer Key - Chapter 7 Quiz

1. B
2. A
3. D
4. A
5. C
6. C
7. B
8. B
9. B
10. D
11. D
12. A
13. D
14. A
15. D
16. A
17. B
18. A
19. B
20. A
21. A
22. B
23. A
24. D
25. B
26. B
27. B
28. C
29. D
30. B
31. C
32. A
33. B
34. A
35. B
36. A
37. B
38. C
39. D
40. C
41. C
42. B
43. A