

A Citizenship Quiz in Honor of India and Pakistan Independence Day

01. America, India, and Pakistan are former colonies of Great Britain. **Why did the colonists fight the British? (61)** *Because...*

- a. they didn't have salt
- b. they didn't have self-government
- c. they had to buy fabric from Great Britain
- d. they had to buy tea from Great Britain

02. Pakistan and India celebrate their Independence Day on August 14 and 15 respectively. **When do we celebrate Independence Day?* (99)**

- a. January 26
- b. July 4
- c. September 17
- d. December 15

03. Akhil Amar is a leading legal scholar and has written many books about the US Constitution.

What does the Constitution do? (2)

- a. defines checks and balances
- b. defines power
- c. protects basic rights of Americans
- d. protects basic rights of corporations

04. Dalip Singh Saund (CA-29) was the first Indian American member of the U.S. House of Representatives. **Name your U.S. Representative. (23)**

- a. Eric Swawell
- b. Mike Honda
- c. Zoe Lofgren
- d. Other _____

05. Farah Pandith is currently the Special Representative to Muslim Communities for the US State Department. **What are two Cabinet-level positions? (36)**

- a. Secretary of Business
- b. Secretary of Education
- c. Secretary of Energy
- d. Secretary of Information Technology

06. Srikanth Srinivasan is a judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. **What does the judicial branch do? (37)**

- a. resists laws
- b. restricts laws
- c. reviews laws
- d. revises laws

07. Bhagat Singh Thind came to study in the US. During WW I, he served in the US Army and was granted citizenship, which was quickly taken away. He petitioned the "highest court" which ruled against him. He earned a PhD and petitioned for citizenship again. He finally became a US citizen in 1936.

What is the highest court in the US? (38)

- a. The Superior Court
- b. The US Court of Appeals
- c. The US Supreme Court
- d. US Military Tribunals

08. Nikki Randhawa Haley is the current Governor of South Carolina. **Who is the Governor of your state now? (43)**

- a. Jerry Brown
- b. Neil Abercrombie
- c. Bobby Jindal
- d. Other _____

09. US Army Sgt. Wasim Khan was wounded in the Iraq War. While he was in the hospital, he took the Oath of Naturalization. **What is one promise you make when you become a US citizen? (53)**

- a. carry a weapon (if required)
- b. hire disabled vets (if required)
- c. serve in the U.S. military (if needed)
- d. support VA hospitals (if needed)

10. While visiting schools during her congressional campaign, Reshma Saujani noticed the lack of girls in computer classes, so she started Girls Who Code. **What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy? (55)**

- a. join a community group
- b. learn how to code
- c. run for office
- d. run in a marathon

EXTRA CREDIT: On July 28, 2016, Khizr and Ghazala Kahn spoke at a major party's national convention. They exercised their freedom of speech by addressing most of their comments to the other major party's presidential candidate. **What are the two major political parties in the United States?***