

# Foundations of Citizenship Test

## For Beginning-level English Language Learners

### 1. Speaking/Listening (Interview skills)

*Commands: student must demonstrate each of the 5 commands.*

- follow me
- remain standing
- raise your right hand
- sit down
- show me your ID
- sign your name

*Personal background questions: student must answer 10 of the following questions (in a manner that would be understood by the average person).\**

- What is your first name? How do you spell it?
- What is your last name? How do you spell it?
- Do you have a middle name?
- What is your date of birth?
- What is your country of birth? [if necessary, clarify: Where were you born?]
- What is your phone number?
- What is your address? (street, city, state)
- When did you move to [stated address]?
- Where did you live before that?
- What is your height? [If necessary, clarify: How tall are you?]
- Do you have a job?

*[If student is employed:]*

- Where do you work?
- When did you start working there?

Are you married or single, divorced, or widowed?

- [If married:]*
- When did you get married?
  - Does your husband/wife live with you?
  - What is your husband/wife's name?
  - What is your his/her date of birth?

How many children do you have?

*[If there are children:]*

- What are their names?

### 2. Oral Civics Questions

*Student must answer 6 out of 10 random questions correctly.\**

- Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States. (Mississippi)
- What ocean is on the West Coast of the United States? (Pacific)
- What ocean is on the East Coast of the United States? (Atlantic)
- Name one state that borders Canada. (NY)
- Name one state that borders Mexico. (CA)
- Where is the Statue of Liberty? (NY)
- Name one US territory? (Puerto Rico or Guam)
- What is the capital of the United States? (Washington D.C.)
- Why does the flag have 50 stars? (because there are 50 states)
- What is the capital of your state? (Boston)

- Who is the Governor of your state now? (----)
- How many U.S. Senators are there? (100)
- Who is one of your state's U.S. Senators now? (----)
- We elect a President for how many years? (4)
- In what month do we vote for President? (November)
- What is the name of the President of the United States now? (----)
- What is the highest court in the United States? (Supreme Court)
- How many justices are on the Supreme Court? (9)
- There were 13 original states. Name three. (ex: NY, NJ, NH)
- Who was the first President? (Washington)
- Who is the "Father of Our Country"? (Washington)
- When do we celebrate Independence Day? (July 4th)
- Name two national U.S. holidays. (ex: Presidents Day, Thanksgiving)

### 3. Reading/Writing

*Student must read one of the following aloud (in a manner that would be understood by the average person); if unable to do so, he/she is given a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> question to read aloud. Then student must write the corresponding sentence as a dictation (in a manner that would be understood by an average person); if unable to do so, he/she is given a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> dictation.\**

*"Please read what you see."*

*(from pre-printed card/ipad)*

- How many states are in the United States?
- How many senators do we have?
- What is the capital of the United States?
- Where does the president live?
- Where is the White House?
- What are the colors of the American flag?
- What state has the most people?
- What country is north of the United States?
- What country is south of the United States?
- When is Columbus Day?
- When is Thanksgiving?
- When is Presidents' Day?
- When is Labor Day?
- When do we vote for president?
- Who is the father of our country?
- Who was the first president?
- What president is on the dollar bill?

*"Please write what you hear."\**

*(give student a pencil/paper or ipad/stylus)*

- The United States has 50 states.
- We have 100 senators.
- Washington D.C. is the capital.
- The president lives in the White House.
- The White House is in Washington.
- The flag is red, white, and blue.
- California has the most people.
- Canada is north of the United States.
- Mexico is south of the United States.
- Columbus Day is in October.
- Thanksgiving is in November.
- Presidents' Day is in February.
- Labor Day is in September.
- We vote for president in November.
- Washington is the father of our country.
- Washington was the first president.
- Washington is on the dollar bill.

*\* Student may ask for (and receive) repetition as many times as necessary.*