

## Essay Topics, plus submission requirements:

**Time Limit:** 60 minutes

### **Proctor Responsibilities:**

- The proctor should remain in the room to ensure that external resources are not used by the student and that time parameters are honored.
- The essay may be completed electronically or handwritten and submitted as part of the applicant's portfolio.
- A dictionary or thesaurus should be made available to the student.

### **The Essay:**

Write an essay of 300 words or less exploring as fully as possible any one of the following issues. Label your essay with the corresponding number chosen for that topic.

1. During the current national administration, the U. S. Government has become more involved in education and health issues that are impacting U.S. citizens. How can the government continue to support such issues without infringing on individual rights and religious beliefs?
2. Social media continues to impact more and more facets of everyday life, including election campaigns. How do you see social media impacting the results of presidential and congressional campaigns and election results as well as proposed legislation?
3. Explain how Citizens Untied v. FEC (2010) has affected the financing of candidates in American elections, including the financing of presidential candidates in the 2012 primaries and general election.
4. Why did the Founding Fathers feature the separation of powers to prominently in the new Constitution ratified in 1788? Does it still serve those purposes in the 21st century.