

Test Prep

Know the News: Guns in America

Read the article on pp. 8-11, then answer the questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?

- (A) Federal law prohibits convicted felons and some other groups of people from owning firearms.
- (B) A mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada, has reignited the national debate over gun control.
- (C) Democrats and city dwellers tend to favor tighter restrictions on guns.
- (D) Gun owners say weapons make society safer.

2. Which statement best supports that central idea?

- (A) "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."
- (B) Republicans and people in rural areas tend to favor protecting gun rights.
- (C) Following the Las Vegas shooting, a poll found that 64 percent of Americans want tighter gun laws, while 29 percent oppose more regulation.
- (D) "Most of the gun violence that happens in this country is not because of bump stocks."

3. Which statement is true?

- (A) The Founders wrote the Second Amendment.
- (B) Wisconsin recently enacted a 48-hour waiting period to buy a handgun.
- (C) Australia has never had a mass shooting.
- (D) Yemen has more guns than any other country.

4. What does *advocates* mean in this sentence?

"Gun rights advocates see firearms possession as a matter of individual rights."

- (A) opponents
- (B) lawmakers
- (C) supporters
- (D) manufacturers

5. Which of these statements is an opinion?

- (A) The National Rifle Association is well funded.
- (B) There was a mass shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012.
- (C) The Supreme Court has ruled that individuals have a right to keep a firearm.
- (D) The more people who carry weapons, the more likely it is that someone will use one to kill.

6. Which of these happened most recently?

- (A) Licensed gun dealers had to start conducting background checks on potential buyers.
- (B) The Founders wrote the Bill of Rights.
- (C) There was a mass shooting at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida.
- (D) The Supreme Court made its most recent ruling on the Second Amendment.

7. According to the article, what was an effect of the mass shooting in Australia in 1996?

- (A) Australia passed laws banning many weapons.
- (B) There have been 13 more mass shootings there.
- (C) Australia loosened its gun regulations.
- (D) More Australians have started carrying guns.

8. What is the main purpose of the map on p. 11?

- (A) to encourage readers to learn more about guns
- (B) to show gun ownership rates in each state
- (C) to highlight that Hawaii's gun ownership rates are higher than those of Arizona's
- (D) to point out where Ohio is in relation to Florida

9. Which of these is a key detail that should be included in a summary of the article?

- (A) For many politicians, supporting gun rights is critical to getting reelected.
- (B) More than two-thirds of guns used in crimes in New York City come from states with weaker gun laws.
- (C) Supporters of gun control say tougher laws in other countries keep gun deaths down.
- (D) The United States has more guns than any other developed country—and far more gun violence.

10. Based on the article, which type of regulation is Congress most likely to pass?

- (A) a restriction on sales of bump stocks
- (B) a ban on gun shows
- (C) a restriction on sales of hunting rifles
- (D) a ban on semiautomatic weapons