**CE.5** – Mastery of Politics and Campaign Finance Reform

1. Political parties recruit and nominate candidates. What is a synonym for recruit or nominate?

2. How do Political Parties educate voters?

3. What is the best way a political party can help a candidate win an election?

4. When a political party monitors the actions of an office holder, what does the political party expect from the office holder?

5. A similarity between political parties is that they both want to influence Public Policy. What is public policy?

6. A republican or a democrat can be both liberal and conservative. List a liberal belief and a conservative belief.

7. What is the main difference between the major Political Parties?

8. What is a platform?

9. When explaining the American Political system, how many parties really matter?

10. There are 3rd parties in America, but they rarely win. What is the main purpose of 3rd parties?

11. What is happening to the cost of running for a political office?

12. Who does the cost of campaigning advantage?

13. Who cannot run for office because of the way Campaigns are financed?

14. Who has more power in our current election system: the people or money?

15. Because campaigns are expensive, who do politicians have to turn to for money?

16. What are the NRA, VEA, National Farmers Union, and the National Right to Life Committee?

17. How do the groups in q.16 get politicians to vote for their beliefs?

18. If you could be a part of an interest group or remain an average citizen, which would you choose? Why?

19. Who do lobbyists work for?

20. What is a lobbyist’s job?

21. Do lobbyists make the system worse, or are they necessary for government to understand issues? Explain.

21. What was the total amount of money spent on the 2008 presidential campaign?

22. What do you think is the best way to reform our current Campaign Finance system?

23. Why are most politicians opposed to changing the system?

24. Should we keep our current system or change the system so that anyone can run for political office? Explain.