



What Is a Government Shutdown? - Quiz

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Q1. What was the duration of the longest government shutdown in U.S. history?

- A. 21 days
- B. 35 days
- C. 63 days
- D. 12 days

Q2. What triggers a government shutdown?

- A. Approval of the federal budget
- B. Disagreement between the House and Senate
- C. Deadline to approve the federal budget passes without approval
- D. President's refusal to work

Q3. Which of the following agencies continues to operate during a shutdown?

- A. National Park Service
- B. Small Business Administration
- C. Postal Service
- D. Department of Agriculture

Q4. What happens to federal employees during a shutdown?

- A. They receive partial pay
- B. They are furloughed or work without pay
- C. They are all terminated
- D. They receive full pay

Q5. Which president was in office during the longest government shutdown?

- A. Bill Clinton
- B. Gerald Ford
- C. Donald Trump
- D. Barack Obama

Q6. What was the main reason for the 2018-2019 shutdown?

- A. Dispute over healthcare funding
- B. Dispute over military spending
- C. Dispute over border wall funding
- D. Dispute over tax cuts

Q7. Which of the following services is typically affected during a shutdown?

- A. Mail delivery
- B. Social Security payments
- C. Passport issuance
- D. Active military operations

Q8. How can a government shutdown end?

- A. Automatic restart after 30 days
- B. President's executive order
- C. Congress and the President agree on a spending bill
- D. Supreme Court intervention

Q9. Which state experienced a 63-day shutdown in 1992?

- A. Texas
- B. New York
- C. California
- D. Florida

Q10. What happens to national parks during a shutdown?

- A. They remain open with reduced staff
- B. They are closed
- C. They operate normally
- D. They are managed by private companies

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: C
3. Q3: C
4. Q4: B
5. Q5: C
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: C
8. Q8: C
9. Q9: C
10. Q10: B