Know the News: Why Everyone’s Talking About the Primaries

Read the article on pages 12-13, then answer the questions.

1. Who is expected to be the Republican nominee for president?
   A Joe Biden
   B Donald Trump
   C Mike Pence
   D Elizabeth Warren

2. Which statement about caucuses is true?
   A They usually take place in July and August.
   B They are more common than primaries.
   C They involve people gathering to discuss the candidates before voting.
   D They work much like a general election.

3. Why is it important for candidates to earn delegates in the primaries and caucuses?
   A A candidate needs a majority of delegate votes to win the party’s nomination.
   B The delegate counts are tracked from February through June.
   C There is already a clear front-runner for the Republican Party.
   D The presidential election is in November.

4. Which happens first?
   A Delegates vote at the national conventions.
   B Americans vote for U.S. president.
   C Americans vote in primaries and caucuses.
   D Democrats and Republicans announce their official presidential nominees.

5. Why is the Democratic race not expected to be as straightforward as the Republican race?
   A There is no front-runner among Republicans.
   B A Democratic candidate is the incumbent.
   C Many Democrats have been competing for the nomination, but there is no clear front-runner.
   D The Democratic convention is in July, while the Republican convention is in August.

6. What might happen if there is no clear winner going into the Democratic convention?
   A Delegates might do two rounds of voting.
   B The Democrats could choose two nominees.
   C States might hold another round of primaries.
   D The top vote-getter would win, even if he or she did not get a majority of delegate votes.

7. What is the main idea of the section “Why are primaries and caucuses important?”
   A Primaries and caucuses are part of the U.S. presidential election process.
   B Social media plays a key role in elections.
   C Americans can influence change by supporting candidates who vow to address certain issues.
   D It is still anybody’s guess who the Democratic nominee will be.

8. Which statement best supports the answer to question 7?
   A The general election will be held in November.
   B The U.S. presidency is one of the most powerful positions in the world.
   C The state contests start on February 3.
   D Americans can raise awareness, donate money, and help with campaign efforts.

9. What does rival’s mean in this sentence?
   “Presidential nominees sometimes adopt a rival’s policy ideas or promises.”
   A incumbent’s
   B opponent’s
   C supporter’s
   D voter’s

10. The main purpose of the map on page 13 is to ___.
    A show when members of the major political parties in each state will vote
    B point out the need for more caucuses
    C highlight where the first caucuses and primaries will take place
    D argue that more contests should be in March