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A. Presidential, Legislative, Supreme Court

B. Executive, Senate, Federal

C. Executive, Legislative, Judicial

D. Presidential, Congressional, Federal

Example questions. Questions become progressively harder towards the end

39. Which of the following will lead to a decrease in a nation’s money supply?

A. A decrease in income taxes

B. A decrease in the discount rate

C. An increase in reserve requirements

D. An increase in government expenditures on goods and services

Thank you for taking the 2020 EYV Test, your score and instructions on how to claim scholarship money will be emailed to you within the next week!

Dear ____,

Your score on the 2020 EYV Test was a 36/50. You are eligible for a total of $800 in scholarship money to be provided by your educational institution. For more information on how to claim this money, please follow the instructions at the following link provided by your institution

www._________.edu

If you have any follow up questions regarding your test or related subjects, please visit our website at www._________.edu or email our support at _______________.

Thanks!