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4.1.1. Complete the following sentence. Thomas Hobbes argued that the purp...

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Complete the following sentence. Thomas Hobbes argued that the purpose of government is to:

Please choose only one answer:

- prevent theft and violence.
- ensure the equal distribution of income.
- represent the majority's interests.
- defend national borders.

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4.1.2. How many amendments have been added to the Constitution?

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How many amendments have been added to the Constitution?

Please choose only one answer:

- 10
- 16
- 27
- 38

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4.1.3. In 2004, the National Governors Association used the media to highl...

Author: Nicole Bartels

In 2004, the National Governors Association used the media to highlight what concern?

Please choose only one answer:

- President Bush's call-up of the National Guard to fight in Iraq
- The excessive use of "grants in aid" to coerce state governments into executing federal policies
- The reduction of federal funding for state health care programs
- New requirements that public schools meet national "No Child Left Behind" standards

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4.1.4. In what major way does parliamentary democracy differ from presiden...

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In what major way does parliamentary democracy differ from presidential democracy?

Please choose only one answer:

- There are more checks on executive authority.
- The executive and the legislature cooperate more.
- The legislature selects the executive.
- There are fewer changes of leadership.

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4.1.5. Max Weber theorized which three types of legitimate governmental au...

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Max Weber theorized which three types of legitimate governmental authority?

Please choose only one answer:

- Traditional, rational-legal, and charismatic
- Legislative, executive, and judicial
- Democratic, monarchic, and military
- Theocratic, religious, and secular

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4.1.6. Political scientists would generally agree with which of the follow...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Political scientists would generally agree with which of the following statements?

Please choose only one answer:

- Democracy is the best form of government for efficiently and equitably distributing public goods.
- Democracy exacerbates economic inequality, because the rich vote at a higher rate than the poor.
- To count as a democracy, a country must have experienced at least one transfer of executive power.
- Democracy is a way to select leaders, not a guarantee of good government.

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4.1.7. The Articles of Confederation arose from concerns about which of th...

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The Articles of Confederation arose from concerns about which of the following?

Please choose only one answer:

- The central government's limited power of taxation
- The underrepresentation of religious minorities
- The secession of southern colonies
- The vagueness of non-codified systems like Britain's common law

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4.1.8. What are the requirements for amending the Constitution?

Author: Nicole Bartels

What are the requirements for amending the Constitution?

Please choose only one answer:

- Proposal by two-thirds of each house of Congress or by a national convention plus ratification by the legislature of three-fourths of the states or by conventions in three-fourths of the states
- Proposal by one-third of each house of Congress or by a national convention plus ratification by the legislature of one-fourth of the states or by conventions in one-fourth of the states
- Proposal by three-fourths of each house of Congress and ratification by all of the states
- Proposal by one-fourth of the House, three-fourths of the Senate, and the President's approval

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4.1.9. What characterizes cooperative federalism?

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What characterizes cooperative federalism?

Please choose only one answer:

- The Supreme Court intervenes in disputes to ensure cooperation between levels of government.
- The federal system efficiently delivers goods and services to the population.
- Different levels of government have similar partisan compositions.
- Funding is split evenly across levels of government.

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4.1.10. What characterizes fiscal federalism?

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What characterizes fiscal federalism?

Please choose only one answer:

- The distribution of grants results in numerous divisions of power, making it hard to distinguish between levels of government.
- States have power over their own fiscal policies.
- States have power over all matters except fiscal policy.
- States are more powerful, because they collectively fund the national government.

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4.1.11. What characterizes marble cake federalism?

Author: Nicole Bartels

What characterizes marble cake federalism?

Please choose only one answer:

- There is a clear delineation between powers at different levels of government.
- There is no delineation between the powers at different levels of government until a dispute arises and the Supreme Court settles it.
- The national government is nominally more powerful, but in practice delegates most power to the states.
- All levels of government exercise some power over various issues.

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4.1.12. What did delegates at the Constitution Convention decide about slav...

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What did delegates at the Constitution Convention decide about slavery?

Please choose only one answer:

- Slavery would be abolished in the north and allowed in the south.
- States could pass their own laws on slavery.
- Slaves could be traded domestically but not internationally.
- Congress could not regulate the foreign slave trade for several decades.

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4.1.13. What did the Supreme Court decide in the Dred Scott case?

Author: Nicole Bartels

What did the Supreme Court decide in the Dred Scott case?

Please choose only one answer:

- Dred Scott had earned his freedom by virtue of honorable service on the battlefield.
- Dred Scott could not sue in a federal court, because he was black and not considered a citizen, but instead he was considered to be property.
- The Constitution allowed the government to redistribute wealth, including slaves.
- National law should prevail in all matters concerning slavery, because slavery involves interstate commerce.

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4.1.14. What is one way in which the Constitution has remained relevant in ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

What is one way in which the Constitution has remained relevant in contemporary society?

Please choose only one answer:

- The Founding Fathers put in place a simplified process for amending the Constitution.
- Changes in public school curricula have cultivated a growing respect for the Constitution.
- The Founding Fathers realized the Constitution might have to change with the times.
- Violations of checks and balances have become more common, leading the Supreme Court to defer to the Constitution more often.

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4.1.15. What was Madison's dilemma, as outlined in Federalist 51?

Author: Nicole Bartels

What was Madison's dilemma, as outlined in Federalist 51?

Please choose only one answer:

- Government by the people can only succeed if the people are sufficiently educated.
- A government can properly function under a system of "checks and balances."
- Government must protect private property to free people from the state of nature, but doing so can create inequality.
- The conflict between Federalists and Anti-Federalists foreshadowed the danger of factions and parties.

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4.1.16. What was the Committee of Five?

Author: Nicole Bartels

What was the Committee of Five?

Please choose only one answer:

- A group of administrators that the British king sent to discipline American rebels
- A group of military leaders, mainly from New England, who met to strategize the Revolutionary War
- A delegation of men from different colonies who met to draft the Declaration of Independence
- A delegation of colonists who went to England to negotiate the terms of American statehood

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4.1.17. What was the main goal of the Constitutional Convention?

Author: Nicole Bartels

What was the main goal of the Constitutional Convention?

Please choose only one answer:

- To ensure that the government was strong enough, but not too strong
- To give voice to the colonies' diverse religious groups
- To ensure that the economic elite did not monopolize political power
- To draw official state borders

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4.1.18. What was the major flaw of the Articles of Confederation that led t...

Author: Nicole Bartels

What was the major flaw of the Articles of Confederation that led the founders to replace it with the Constitution?

Please choose only one answer:

- The Articles of Confederation had little popular support.
- The Articles of Confederation was vague about the legislative process.
- The Articles of Confederation granted too much power to the national government.
- The Articles of Confederation granted too much power to the states.

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4.1.19. What was the resolution of independence passed by the Second Contin...

Author: Nicole Bartels

What was the resolution of independence passed by the Second Continental Congress which declared the United States to be independent of the British Empire?

Please choose only one answer:

- Thomas Paine's Common Sense
- The Lee Resolution
- The Intolerable Acts
- The Stamp Act Resolution

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4.1.20. What was "The Contract with America?"

Author: Nicole Bartels

What was "The Contract with America?"

Please choose only one answer:

- The treaty that ended the Civil War
- A trade agreement between California and Mexico that spurred debate about whether state governments can engage in foreign affairs
- President Clinton's written promise to fund state infrastructure projects
- Republican legislative priorities including shrinking the national government

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4.1.21. Which form of democracy best promotes compromise?

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Which form of democracy best promotes compromise?

Please choose only one answer:

- Majoritarian democracy
- Minoritarian democracy
- Pluralistic democracy
- Direct democracy

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4.1.22. Which of the following aspects of checks and balances is NOT in the...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following aspects of checks and balances is NOT in the Constitution?

Please choose only one answer:

- The President's power to veto legislation
- Congress's power to override a veto
- Impeachment of the president
- Judicial review

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4.1.23. Which of the following Constitutional Convention plans best served ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following Constitutional Convention plans best served the interests of more populous states?

Please choose only one answer:

- The Virginia Plan
- The New Jersey Plan
- The Connecticut Compromise
- The Three-Fifths Compromise

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4.1.24. Which of the following Constitutional Convention plans best served ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following Constitutional Convention plans best served the interests of less populous states?

Please choose only one answer:

- The Virginia Plan
- The New Jersey Plan
- The Connecticut Compromise
- The Three-Fifths Compromise

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4.1.25. Which of the following was a period of heightened cooperation betwe...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following was a period of heightened cooperation between the national state governments?

Please choose only one answer:

- The immediate period after national independence
- The War of 1823
- The New Deal era
- The Reagan administration

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4.1.26. Which of the following was NOT an argument of the Anti-Federalists?

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following was NOT an argument of the Anti-Federalists?

Please choose only one answer:

- The Constitution awarded too much power to the executive.
- The Constitution lacked a bill of rights.
- The Constitution gave little power to the House of Representatives, or "the people's chamber."
- The Senate was too aristocratic.

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4.1.27. Which president declared war on poverty and hoped to build a "great...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which president declared war on poverty and hoped to build a "great society?"

Please choose only one answer:

- Abraham Lincoln
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Lyndon Johnson
- Jimmy Carter

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4.1.28. Which Supreme Court case established Congress's authority to regula...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which Supreme Court case established Congress's authority to regulate interstate commerce?

Please choose only one answer:

- McCulloch v. Maryland
- Gibbons v. Ogden
- Marbury v. Madison
- Brown v. Board of Education

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4.1.29. What characterizes layer cake federalism?

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What characterizes layer cake federalism?

Please choose only one answer:

- The national government has a limited set of powers relative to state governments.
- The states have a limited set of powers relative to the national government.
- The state and national governments share powers equally.
- The Supreme Court decides which level of government has power on an ad hoc basis.

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4.1.30. Which of the following is NOT a common criticism of democracy?

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following is NOT a common criticism of democracy?

Please choose only one answer:

- Democracy—especially direct democracy—is inefficient.
- Democratic governments are too accountable to special interests.
- Democracy fails to alleviate inequalities across social classes and identity groups.
- There is a weak correlation between democracy and political freedom.

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