

1 How does this excerpt reflect the long-term significance of the American Revolution?

The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government.

. . .

—U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 21

- A Citizens provide the financial support for government programs.
- B Legitimate governments receive power from citizens.
- C Representative democracy depends on mandatory participation.
- D Government serves in the interests of the nobility.

2 Use the excerpt below to answer the question.

It is of great importance in a republic not only to guard the society against the oppression of its rulers, but to guard one part of the society against the injustice of the other part. Different interests necessarily exist in different classes of citizens. If a majority be united by a common interest, the rights of the minority will be insecure.

—James Madison, Federalist No. 51, 1788

Which form of government would BEST avoid the relationship described in this excerpt?

- A a theocracy
- B a totalitarian dictatorship
- C a monarchy
- D a constitutional democracy

3 Based on the diagram, a major advantage of the presidential system compared to the parliamentary system is that the presidential system

- A assures greater accountability for the executive branch.
- B promotes greater participation within the legislature.
- C facilitates greater cooperation between branches.
- D provides a greater separation of government power.

4 Use the table below to answer the question.

Forms of Government

| Form | Description |
|------------------------|--|
| Federal | The central government shares political power with states. |
| Confederate | The central government holds little political power. |
| Unitary | The central government holds all political power. |
| Parliamentary Monarchy | The hereditary ruler holds limited central power. |

The ability of the central government to respond to the needs of a large and diverse country is an advantage of which form of government?

- A Federal
- B Confederate
- C Unitary
- D Parliamentary Monarchy

5 Use the excerpt to answer the question that follows.

No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, or deprived of his standing in any other way, nor will we proceed with force against him, or send others to do so, except by the lawful judgement of his equals or by the law of the land.

—Magna Carta, 1215

What BEST identifies a similar principle as it appears in the United States government?

- A the separation of powers as designed in the Constitution
- B due process protections as provided for in the Bill of Rights
- C judicial review as established in the *Marbury v. Madison* decision
- D the belief in human equality as stated in the Declaration of Independence

For a trivial offence, a free man shall be fined only in proportion to the degree of his offence, and for a serious offence correspondingly, but not so heavily as to deprive him of his livelihood.

- Magna Carta, 1215

Which quote from the United States Bill of Rights most closely relates to this excerpt from the Magna Carta?

- A "...nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb..."
- B "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."
- C "...the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury..."
- D "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated..."

- 7 **Before the American Revolution, John Locke and Baron de Montesquieu wrote about the need for governments to be responsible to the people they govern. Montesquieu advocated constitutionalism and the preservation of civil liberties. Locke favored a social contract between a country's citizens and their government.**

Which quote from the Declaration of Independence MOST closely combines the ideas of these two men?

- A "Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes. . . ."
- B "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."
- C "The history of the present . . . is a history of repeated injuries . . . having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny. . . ."
- D "He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual . . . for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures."

8 Use the excerpt below to answer the question.

. . . when the government is dissolved, the people are at liberty to provide for themselves, by erecting a new legislative . . . as they shall find it most for their safety and good: for the society can never . . . lose the native and original right it has to preserve itself. . . .

—*Second Treatise from a Civil Government* by John Locke, 1690

Which principle of the Declaration of Independence does this excerpt MOST directly reflect?

- A the concept that government should be created by the people and for the people
- B the belief that all people are equal and should be treated as such by the law
- C the idea that government must implement a system of checks and balances
- D the notion that representation in the legislature should be based on a two-house system

9 Use the table below to answer the question.

The Great Compromise

| Senate | House of Representatives |
|------------------------|--|
| One official per state | Number of officials determined based on population |

Which phrase BEST explains the cause of the results in this table?

- A the issue of slavery
- B the concerns of colonial loyalists
- C the conflict between large and small states
- D the need of the federal government to levy taxes

10 Which feature of the U.S. government is intended to eliminate the problems caused by factions as described in this excerpt?

. . . that the causes of faction cannot be removed, and that relief is only to be sought in the means of controlling its effects. If a faction consists of less than a majority, relief is supplied by the republican principle, which enables the majority to defeat its sinister views by regular vote. . . .

—*The Federalist Papers, No. 10*

- A Governing power is divided among levels of government.
- B Each branch of government has the power to check the others.
- C People elect representatives to make the laws.
- D Disputes between states must be settled in court.

11 Which domestic duty is a primary responsibility of the federal government?

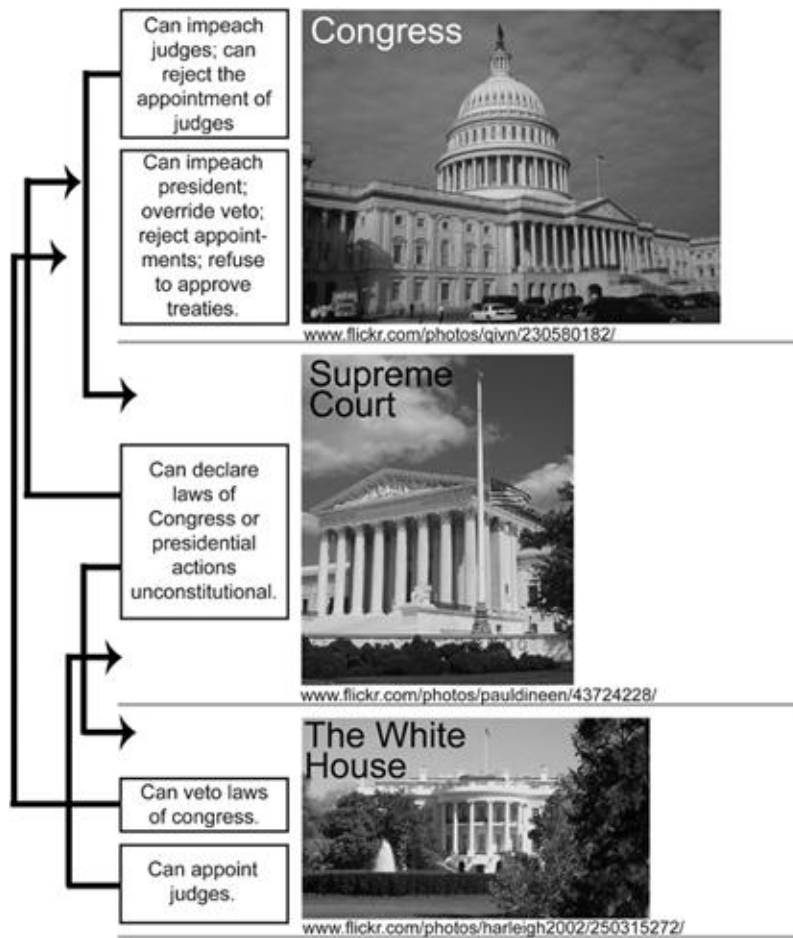
- A creating school curriculums
- B regulating interstate commerce
- C issuing drivers' licenses
- D maintaining public transportation

12 Use the information in the box to answer the question that follows.

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution lists the specific powers granted to Congress. These include the power to coin money, declare war, and establish post offices, among others. It also includes a clause that allows Congress to make any laws "necessary and proper" for carrying out its functions.

Which statement BEST explains how the Tenth Amendment relates to this part of the Constitution?

- A It expands the list of specific powers granted to Congress.
- B It allows the states to have the same powers granted to Congress.
- C It reserves to the states any powers not granted to the federal government.
- D It applies the "necessary and proper" clause to other branches of government.



What would be the best title for the graphic above?

- A Checks and Balances
- B Rule of Law
- C Popular Sovereignty
- D Federalism

14 All of the following statements regarding the House of Representatives are true EXCEPT:

- A Members are elected by state legislatures to serve six-year terms.
- B The total number of 435 representatives is apportioned among the states by population.
- C The House of Representatives has the sole authority to bring impeachment.
- D A member must be 25 years old, citizen of the U.S. for at least seven years, and reside in the state represented.

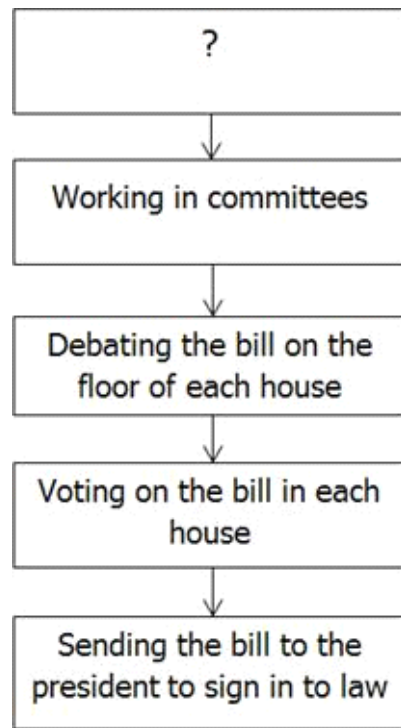
15 Read Article 2, Section 1, Clause 5 from the United States Constitution.

No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the _____; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.

This clause outlines the qualifications for what United States political position?

- A Representative
- B Supreme Court Justice
- C President
- D Senator

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Which statement would best complete the graphic?

- A Exercise of judicial review by the judicial branch
- B President vetoes the legislation
- C Bill is introduced by a member of Congress
- D Bill is introduced by a registered voter

17 This graph supports which conclusion about federal government revenue?

- A The greatest percentage of federal revenue comes directly from individual citizens.
- B More than half of federal revenue is used to fund Social Insurance programs.
- C The category of Other has more impact on federal revenues than taxation.
- D Corporations account for more than half of federal revenues.

18 Which statement explains the principle of a progressive federal income tax?

- A People who earn higher incomes are in a position to contribute more to the tax base.
- B The federal government makes progress by taxing the American people.
- C The federal government taxes the wealthy less because they contribute more to society.
- D Taxes should be based on what type of good or service an individual purchases.

19 What was the purpose of implementing referendum recall and initiative?

- A to give citizens more power in local affairs
- B to guarantee public selection of federal officials
- C to prevent minority groups from participating in government
- D to regulate sources of campaign finance

20 Use the excerpt below to answer the question.

The Congress shall have the Power To . . . promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries. . . .

—Article 1, Section 8, U.S. Constitution

Why does the U.S. Constitution contain this provision?

- A to allow society and individuals to benefit from innovation and entrepreneurship
- B to promote local businesses by imposing penalties on foreign literature and products
- C to provide communities and states with the means of providing education and learning
- D to provide a source of revenue for government by charging fees for patents and copyrights

21 Use the information below to answer the question.

County Government Closes Public Conference Facilities to Religious Organizations

Administrators have announced that religious groups must meet elsewhere

Which constitutional argument could be advanced MOST effectively in response to the claim that this decision limits freedom of religion?

- A The supremacy clause prohibits special exceptions to laws passed by the government.
- B The 14th Amendment prohibits discrimination based on spiritual beliefs.
- C The 1st Amendment requires equal state support for different faiths and churches.
- D The establishment clause requires the separation of church and state activities.

22 **Interpretations of First Amendment rights like freedom of speech and freedom of the press have changed primarily because —**

- A American people had fewer personal and national concerns they wanted to discuss and express in the 1700s than they do now
- B when the Bill of Rights was written, the Founding Fathers and the American citizens were in agreement about important issues, so no clarification on personal freedoms was necessary
- C modern people are more intelligent than those in past centuries
- D culture and technology have changed over time

23 Which issue of legal debate is BEST reflected in the positions taken by the two justices quoted below?

Judges and justices are servants of the law, not the other way around. Judges are like umpires. Umpires don't make the rules; they apply them. The role of an umpire and a judge is critical. They make sure everybody plays by the rules. But it is a limited role. Nobody ever went to a ball game to see the umpire.

—Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, 2005

"[W]hen we are dealing with words that also are a constituent act, like the Constitution of the United States, we must realize that they have called into life a being the development of which could not have been foreseen completely by the most gifted of its begetters. It was enough for them to realize or to hope that they had created an organism; it has taken a century and has cost their successors much sweat and blood to prove that they created a nation. The case before us must be considered in the light of our whole experience and not merely in that of what was said a hundred years ago."

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1920

- A federal supremacy vs. states' rights
- B judicial review vs. legislative oversight
- C strict construction vs. judicial activism
- D majority rule vs. minority rights

24 How will a city MOST likely obtain money to pay for a new middle school?

- A raise the income tax rate
- B merge municipal agencies
- C promote local fundraisers
- D raise the local property tax

25 Which type of right does the Nineteenth Amendment extend to citizens?

- A Economic
- B Personal
- C Political
- D Academic

26 This list includes examples of political actions that are protected as part of which constitutional guarantee?

- Lobbying
- Letter-writing and e-mail campaigns
- Supporting referenda
- Collecting signatures for ballot initiatives

- A right to assemble
- B right to due process
- C right to petition
- D right to vote

27 Which of the following is an example of someone exercising his/her First Amendment rights?

- A a reporter publishing a news article critical of government
- B a person being appointed the president of the National Rifle Association
- C a murderer declining to take the stand in his defense
- D a family refusing to house military personnel in their home during peacetime

28 Imagine that the next election for the President of the United States is three months away, how can a sixteen year-old apply their civic responsibility to this important process?

- A Count the votes as they come in
- B Encourage qualified others to vote
- C Register to vote
- D Volunteer to vote for another adult

29 While Joe is in a department store he sees someone stealing something and running out of the store.

Which of the following actions represents Joe's civic duty in this situation?

- A Report the individual to the police
- B Question the individual to determine their guilt
- C Attempt to prevent the individual from leaving the store
- D Write an editorial letter to the newspaper about the problem

- 30 **Which choice shows the correct sequence of how the Civil Rights Movement evolved from the oldest event to the most recent?**
- A White men with no property, Women, African Americans
 - B White men with no property, African Americans, Women
 - C African Americans, White men with no property, Women
 - D Women, African Americans, White men with no property

- 31 **How did the legal fight against the doctrine of "separate but equal" benefit minority groups?**
- A It led to the desegregation of public schools.
 - B It led to decreased racial diversity in universities and colleges.
 - C It led to the establishment of all-women charter public schools.
 - D It led to increased gender diversity in the workplace.

- 32 **Use the information to answer the question.**

A student must decide between going to the movies with friends or staying home and studying for a final exam. She chooses to stay home and study.

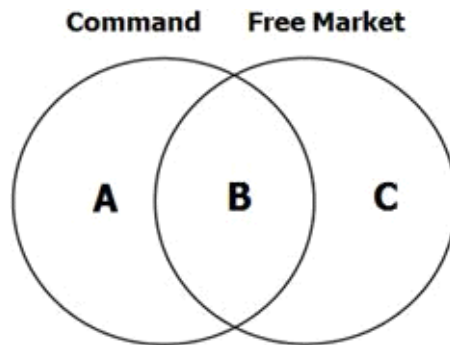
Which economic term describes going to the movies in this scenario?

- A comparative advantage
 - B equilibrium price
 - C income effect
 - D opportunity cost
- 33 **Which best explains how scarcity can lead to an increased amount of choices to be made?**
- A Companies increase scarcity when they have too many products and not enough consumers. Companies are given increased choice about parts used to make a product. The companies
 - B charge less for these products, and consumers have to make more choices about how often they buy these products. Materials used to make a product are becoming scarce. The companies are charging more for
 - C these products, and consumers have to make tougher choices about how often they buy these products.
 - D When companies have increased choice about which products they can use, consumers become concerned about the product becoming scarcer.

34 **No government has the assets to supply everything its citizens might want or need. What does this basic economic fact force governments to do?**

- A save money by cutting current spending on goods and services
- B increase federal taxes so that more goods are affordable in the future
- C conserve resources to enable the manufacture of more goods
- D make choices among goods and services currently on the market

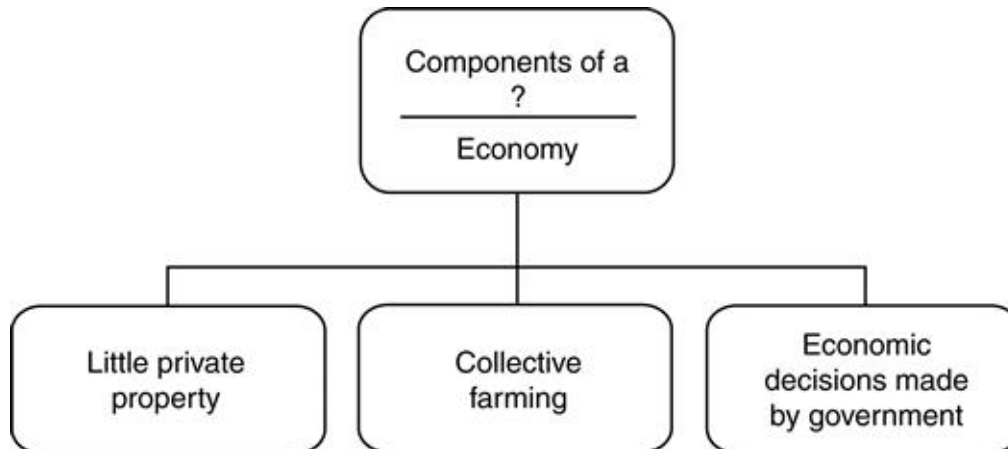
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Which characteristic should replace A in the Venn Diagram?

- A The government decides what will be produced.
- B Consumer choice determines what will be produced.
- C Supply and demand determine the price of products.
- D Profit made by companies determines economic behavior.

36 **Use the diagram to answer the question.**



Which of these BEST replaces the question mark?

- A Command
- B Market
- C Mixed
- D Traditional