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Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

1. Environmental regulation by the government can reduce production of goods by limiting the amount of resources that are available for use.
   a. True
   b. False

Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

2. How is the economy likely to be affected if a democracy becomes an oligarchy?
   a. Upper classes in power are likely to become richer at the expense of others.
   b. The leader who takes over is likely to become rich at the expense of all others.
   c. Working classes are likely to attain wealth and move into the middle class.
   d. Money is likely to become more equally distributed among classes.

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3. A nation may wage war with another nation to protect its own national security.
   a. True
   b. False

4. Anarchy is a type of government in which one leader rules by force.
   a. True
   b. False

Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

5. Which of the following activities in the United States would most likely be paid for by a state government instead of a national government?
   a. enforcement of traffic laws
   b. maintenance of interstate highways
   c. production of spy satellites
   d. inspection of agricultural products

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6. A state is a country that has a simpler type of government.
   a. True
   b. False

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7. Since the writing and approval of the U.S. Constitution in 1787, citizen movements have arisen to change the document. Changes to the Constitution take place through which of these processes?
   a. political parties
   b. amendment
   c. custom
   d. war
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8. Many countries are considered mixed economies that combine elements of capitalism with elements of communism.
   a. True
   b. False

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9. A state has sovereignty when it is able to do which of the following?
   a. invade and take over any other state
   b. occupy a particular area of land
   c. punish its citizens for any action
   d. freely create and enforce laws

10. Which principle of democracy establishes freedom of speech?
    a. checks and balances
    b. transparency
    c. accountability
    d. bill of rights

11. A nation can become a state when it has which of these?
    a. common language
    b. unique customs
    c. organized government
    d. standing army

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12. Entrepreneurs use distributors to purchase resources and invest in the production of goods.
    a. True
    b. False

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13. Which of these would you find in a monarchy but not in a democracy?
    a. representatives who make laws
    b. political parties
    c. unelected head of state
    d. constitution

14. In which type of economic system does government play the smallest role?
    a. capitalism
    b. mixed economy
    c. socialism
    d. communism

15. A producer in a capitalist system might do which of the following to further her goals?
    a. sell a share of her business to a government entity
    b. redesign products to use fewer resources
    c. raise prices in the face of competition from another company
    d. ignore costs of production
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16. Which of these statements is based on John Locke’s definition of the social contract?
   a. A government operates with the goal of promoting human rights.
   b. Individuals should be free to do whatever they wish.
   c. Once a government has been formed, its laws cannot be changed.
   d. A police state is necessary to protect people’s belongings.

17. Which of these is a sign that a state with a constitution is really an authoritarian state?
   a. Multiple parties take part in every election, but only one party ever wins.
   b. Laws can be declared unconstitutional by a high court.
   c. Custom is used when particular actions are not defined by law.
   d. The powers of the government are constitutionally limited.

18. checks and balances

19. constitution

20. confederacy

21. rule of law

22. political parties

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23. An army takes over a government and establishes its general as the supreme ruler. Which theory explains the origins of this new government?
   a. social contract theory   b. force theory
   c. evolutionary theory   d. divine right theory

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24. In a traditional economy, rugs woven from wool may be traded for fish and other food.
   a. True
   b. False
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25. Which of these terms would best represent Karl Marx’s theory of communism?
   a. bourgeoisie  b. common property  c. authoritarian  d. initiative

26. Which of these is true of current communist countries?
   a. No one receives wages for work.  b. Distribution is controlled by the workers.
   c. Government controls natural resource use.  d. Private investments are common.

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

27. In a laissez-faire economic approach, the government is heavily involved in regulating business.
   a. True  b. False

28. A government using a socialist approach would be most likely to do which of these?
   a. Utilize private companies to fulfill defense contracts.
   b. Encourage education and training from private schools.
   c. Allow banks to fail during difficult economic times.
   d. Provide vouchers for health care to the unemployed.

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

29. Governments often provide services that are designed to increase public safety.
   a. True  b. False

30. According to Abraham Lincoln, government must serve the individual but not the community.
   a. True  b. False