Section 1 Quiz

Government and the State

A. Key Terms

Match the descriptions in Column I with the terms in Column II. Write the correct letter in each blank.

Column I

1. an institution through which a society makes and enforces its public policies
2. a group of people who live in a defined territory that is organized politically
3. a type of government in which rulers are not held responsible to the will of the people
4. a type of government in which supreme authority rests with the majority of the people
5. those things a government decides to do

Column II

a. dictatorship
b. public policies
c. government
d. democracy
e. state

B. Main Ideas

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank provided.

6. Which of the following statements about sovereign states is NOT true?
   a. Sovereign states decide their own foreign and domestic policies.
   b. Sovereign states may be possessed by other states.
   c. A dictatorship may exist in a sovereign state.
   d. Sovereign states have supreme power within their own territories.

7. The evolutionary theory of the origins of the state emphasizes which of the following?
   a. family
   b. church
   c. army
   d. government

8. Which of the following purposes of government is mainly concerned with other nations?
   a. establishing justice
   b. promoting the general welfare
   c. forming a more perfect union
   d. providing for the common defense

9. Which of the following most accurately describes the force theory of the origin of states?
   a. God gave rulers the right to run states.
   b. States originated from the force of the strongest individuals.
   c. States were patterned after the institution of the family.
   d. States began when people agreed to give up power to the state to promote the general well-being.

10. Which of the following is a direct result of the government’s concern about the general welfare of its citizens?
   a. providing an army
   b. establishing a state church
   c. establishing schools
   d. resolving disputes between local governments
A. As You Read

Use the chart below to compare the democratic form of government to the dictatorship form of government.

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<th>Sovereign power is held by:</th>
<th>Democracy</th>
<th>Dictatorship</th>
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<td>1.</td>
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<td>Those who rule are responsible to:</td>
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B. Reviewing Key Terms

Match the descriptions in Column I with the terms in Column II. Write the correct letter in each blank.

Column I

7. a government in which a single person holds unlimited power
8. a government in which the executive and legislative branches are separate and coequal
9. a government in which power is divided between a central government and other local governments
10. a government in which a small, usually self-appointed, group has the power to rule
11. a government in which all power belongs to a central agency
12. an alliance of independent states
13. structuring a government so that power is shared by a central and several local governments
14. a government in which members of the executive branch are also members of the legislative branch and are subject to the legislature's direct control

Column II

a. unitary government
b. federal government
c. confederation
d. presidential government
e. parliamentary government
f. division of powers
g. oligarchy
h. autocracy