

1. The system of government in the United States is most closely related to that of which of the following classical civilizations?

1. The Han dynasty
2. The Aztec Empire
3. Athens
4. Egypt

2. Which of the following represents the largest source of funding for Texas public schools?

1. Local property taxes
2. Local bonds
3. Federal grants
4. Lottery proceeds

3. In which of the following ways did the Magna Carta influence the subsequent development of governmental power in England and North America?

1. It placed limitations on the executive branch of government.
2. It mandated the separation of government among three distinct branches.
3. It expanded the power of the executive branch of government.
4. It limited religious practices not sponsored by the government.

4. The United States electoral college is often criticized by voters for which of the following reasons?

1. It encourages the formation of radical political parties.
2. It normally favors the incumbent candidate.
3. It is influenced by money generated by political parties.
4. It gives more political power to heavily populated states.

5. Which of the following is the earliest example of a representative assembly in the American colonies?

1. The Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly
2. The First Continental Congress
3. The Virginia House of Burgesses
4. The Georgia Board of Trustees

6. Which of the following is a constitutional principle intended to prevent the abuse of power by one of the branches of United States government?

1. Sovereignty
2. Federalism
3. Nullification
4. Checks and balances

7. . Which of the following is a characteristic of authoritarian forms of government?

1. Efficiency in policy making
2. Protections for the press
3. Protections for individual privacy
4. Equal representation for political minorities

8. For which of the following reasons are political action committees (PACs) often considered to be controversial?

1. They are the first to review proposed legislation in Congress.
2. They appoint people to serve as part of the Electoral College.
3. They directly communicate with foreign leaders to confirm treaties.
4. They influence public officials by making campaign contributions.