

Civics: A Christian Worldview – Test 3A

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 - D. "property," "liberty," and "conscience"
- _____ 5. "Trying all systems" by requesting a district of people to experiment on reflects ____.
- A. socialist arrogance about molding society
 - B. constitutional republicanism
 - C. natural law reasoning
 - D. a strong belief in property rights
- _____ 6. The "two groups of mankind" that Bastiat mentions are divided into ____.
- A. citizens vs. foreigners
 - B. rich vs. middle class/poor
 - C. educated vs. uneducated
 - D. mankind in general vs. the politician
- _____ 7. In that view, *the larger group* is described as ____.
- A. naturally wise and self-governing
 - B. passive matter needing direction
 - C. morally superior to the smaller group
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- _____ 8. *Democracy* is often characterized in reality as ____.
- A. majority rule that forces the minority to comply
 - B. rule by kings, although usually ones who rule fairly
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 - D. majority rule that protects the rights of the minority
- _____ 9. Exodus 23:2 warns against ____.
- A. the tyranny of evil judges
 - B. obeying unjust rulers
 - C. the dangers of minority rule
 - D. following a majority to do evil
- _____ 10. Democracies often collapse because ____.
- A. minorities often end up winning elections
 - B. voters become too educated about politics
 - C. minorities eventually resist being plundered
 - D. judges tend to abolish helpful statutes

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- A. represent the people and protect their rights
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- ___ 12. The Seventeenth Amendment in 1913 changed the Senate by ____.
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- A. proof socialism is Biblical
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- ___ 17. *Communism* is best described as ____.
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 - D. another word for a constitutional republic
- ___ 18. A system of *fascism* promotes ____.
- A. individual liberty above all
 - B. a merger of corporate and government power
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 - D. a rule that emphasizes voting rights and juries
- ___ 19. Which label best matches "rule by a tyrant in a poor agricultural export nation"?
- A. constitutional republic
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- ___ 20. Which of the below is an example of *statutory law*?
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