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Letters of Marque and Global Alliances: An Advanced Revolution Quiz for Undergraduates

Analyze the logistical shifts following the 1778 Treaty of Alliance and the strategic impact of privateering on the British Admiralty's merchant supply chains.

1. Which diplomatic maneuver by Benjamin Franklin and the American commissioners in Paris was most instrumental in securing the 1778 Treaty of Alliance?

- A. Leveraging the threat of a possible Anglo-American reconciliation to pressure the Comte de Vergennes.
- B. Promising exclusive American tobacco rights to the French Crown for fifty years.
- C. Agreeing to support French claims to British-held territory in Canada.
- D. The successful orchestration of the Conway Cabal to demonstrate colonial political unity.

2. In the context of the 'Southern Strategy,' the British expected significant support from _____, though this demographic proved less reliable after the brutal tactics of Banastre Tarleton.

- A. Hessian mercenaries
- B. Southern Loyalists
- C. French privateers
- D. Iroquois Confederacy warriors

3. The 'Dunmore Proclamation' of 1775 was intended primarily as a humanitarian gesture by the British to end the practice of chattel slavery in the American colonies.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which of wife Abigail Adams' correspondences to John Adams provides the most significant evidence of early feminist discourse regarding the legal status of 'feme covert'?

- A. The 'Thoughts on Government' critique
- B. The 'Remember the Ladies' letter of March 1776
- C. The Braintree manifesto on public schooling
- D. The 'Portia' essays on wartime inflation

5. The primary objective of the _____ of 1779 was to neutralize the Iroquois threat and seize western lands, demonstrating a total war approach toward Native Americans who allied with the Crown.

- A. Culper Ring
- B. Sullivan Expedition
- C. Conway Cabal
- D. Newburgh Conspiracy

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6. How did the 1780 'Armed Neutrality' league formed by Catherine the Great of Russia fundamentally impact the British war effort?

- A. It provided Russia with a direct land route to invade the 13 colonies.
- B. It forced the Royal Navy to respect the commerce of non-belligerent nations, limiting their blockade effectiveness.
- C. It led to a joint Russian-American invasion of Canada.
- D. It resulted in Russia annexing several British Caribbean islands.

7. Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben's tactical contribution at Valley Forge was primarily the introduction of professionalized drill and bayonet training for the Continental Army.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Often overlooked in military history, the victory of Bernardo de Gálvez at the _____ in 1781 opened a crucial supply line for the Americans through the Gulf of Mexico.

- A. Siege of Pensacola
- B. Battle of Camden
- C. Battle of Rhode Island
- D. Siege of Charleston

9. Which radical political document, authored by Thomas Paine, argued that the monarchy was a 'popish practice' and fundamentally contrary to biblical scripture?

- A. The Age of Reason
- B. The American Crisis
- C. Common Sense
- D. Rights of Man

10. The 1783 Newburgh Conspiracy reflected the high tensions between the Continental Congress and the military over the issue of back pay and pensions.

- A. True
- B. False