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Dissect the Deep State: A Geopolitical 10th Grade Quiz

Students synthesize complex variables like maritime choke points and ethnic irredentism to predict shifting global power dynamics in this evaluative challenge.

1. Which geopolitical theory suggests that control of the 'Heartland' of Eurasia—specifically the area containing the Volga and Yangtze watersheds—is the key to global domination?

- A. Mahan's Sea Power Theory
- B. Mackinder's Heartland Theory
- C. Spykman's Rimland Theory
- D. Wallerstein's World Systems Theory

2. The concept of 'irredentism' describes a state's attempt to reclaim territory inhabited by people who share a common ethnic background but reside outside the state's current borders.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The _____ is a strategic maritime corridor between the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula that connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden.

- A. Strait of Gibraltar
- B. Bab-el-Mandeb
- C. Dardanelles
- D. Cook Strait

4. How does the 'shatterbelt' concept explain the political instability of regions like the Caucasus or the Balkans?

- A. They are located in isolation and lack resources.
- B. They are caught between the conflicting spheres of influence of larger global powers.
- C. They possess high levels of linguistic and religious homogeneity.
- D. They are shielded from global trade by massive mountain ranges.

5. In the context of the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), a state's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) typically extends _____ nautical miles from its coast.

- A. 12
- B. 24
- C. 200
- D. 500

6. The 'Enclave/Exclave' problem is exemplified by Kaliningrad, a Russian territory physically separated from the rest of Russia and surrounded by EU members.

- A. True

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B. False

7. Which factor is the primary geopolitical driver for the 'Great Game' of the 19th century and the modern contest for influence in Central Asia?

- A. Protection of deep-sea fishing rights
- B. The establishment of democratic socialist republics
- C. Control of overland trade routes and proximity to 'Warm Water Ports'
- D. The preservation of Arctic permafrost ecosystems

8. Determining the border between Chile and Argentina using the highest peaks of the Andes Mountains is an example of a(n) _____ boundary.

- A. Superimposed
- B. Antecedent
- C. Relic
- D. Physiographic (Natural-Political)

9. Geopolitician Nicholas Spykman argued that the Rimland, rather than the Heartland, was the key to global power because it controlled the transition zones between land and sea.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Analyze the 'Supranationalism vs. Sovereignty' debate. Which of the following is a symptom of 'devolution' within a nation-state?

- A. The central government tightening control over all provinces
- B. Granting regional autonomy to a specific ethnic group to prevent secession
- C. The merging of two neighboring countries into one
- D. The total abolition of all local environmental regulations