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A Quest for the Sovereign: 9th Grade Political Philosophy Challenge

Scholars synthesize complex theories on legitimacy and the common good by analyzing perspectives from Hannah Arendt to Mencius.

1. In her analysis of revolutionary spirits, Hannah Arendt distinguishes between 'liberation' and 'liberty.' Which scenario best illustrates her concept of 'liberty'?

- A. The immediate overthrow of a violent dictator.
- B. Citizens engaging in public deliberation to establish a new constitution.
- C. A person choosing which religion to practice in private.
- D. The absence of police interference in daily life.

2. The Chinese philosopher _____ argued that a ruler's legitimacy is tied to the 'Mandate of Heaven,' and that the people have a right to revolt if the ruler becomes tyrannical.

- A. Laozi
- B. Sun Tzu
- C. Mencius
- D. Han Feizi

3. According to the perspective of Legalism (as advocated by Han Feizi), a stable society is best maintained through the ruler's personal charisma and moral example rather than strict laws.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which concept best describes Mary Wollstonecraft's argument in 'A Vindication of the Rights of Woman' regarding the political status of women?

- A. Women should focus on private virtue to influence politics indirectly.
- B. Equality is impossible due to biological differences in physical strength.
- C. Social and political inequality stems from an engineered lack of education.
- D. Monarchy is the only system that can protect women's property.

5. In 'The Wretched of the Earth,' Frantz Fanon explores the psychological and political necessity of _____ in the process of decolonization.

- A. Passive resistance
- B. Economic sanctions
- C. Cultural assimilation
- D. Violence

6. Edmund Burke, often considered the father of modern conservatism, believed that society should be viewed as a partnership between the living, the dead, and those yet to be born.

- A. True

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B. False

7. The concept of 'Agonistic Pluralism,' championed by Chantal Mouffe, suggests that a healthy democracy requires:

- A. The complete elimination of conflict between political parties.
- B. An absolute consensus on all moral and social issues.
- C. Harnessing conflict into a respectful 'adversarial' relationship rather than 'enemy' status.
- D. A technocratic government run by experts instead of politicians.

8. The idea that the state should remain neutral between different 'conceptions of the good' is a cornerstone of ____ philosophy.

- A. Fascist
- B. Theocratic
- C. Liberal
- D. Communitarian

9. Michel Foucault's concept of 'Biopower' refers primarily to the physical strength required for a nation to defend itself against foreign invaders.

- A. True
- B. False

10. How does Iris Marion Young's 'Five Faces of Oppression' differ from traditional views of injustice which focus solely on legal rights?

- A. It argues that only physical violence counts as oppression.
- B. It analyzes systemic issues like marginalization, powerlessness, and cultural imperialism.
- C. It suggests that only individuals, not groups, can be oppressed.
- D. It maintains that economic class is the only factor in political inequality.