

Foundations of Political Science

Political Science · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which document, signed in 1215, is historically considered the first to limit the absolute power of the monarch in England?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) The Magna Carta**
- C) The Petition of Right
- D) The Act of Settlement

2. In a parliamentary system, what is the title typically held by the head of government?

- A) President
- B) Monarch
- C) Prime Minister**
- D) Governor General

3. What term describes a political system where power is concentrated in the hands of a small, elite group of people?

- A) Oligarchy**
- B) Democracy
- C) Anarchy
- D) Monarchy

4. Which international organization was established in 1945 with the primary goal of maintaining international peace and security?

- A) League of Nations
- B) The World Bank
- C) The United Nations**
- D) NATO

5. In the context of Australian politics, which house of Parliament is known as the 'States' House'?

- A) House of Representatives
- B) The High Court
- C) The Senate**
- D) Legislative Assembly

6. What is the primary function of the judiciary branch in a democratic government?

- A) To enact new laws
- B) To interpret laws and apply them to specific cases**
- C) To manage international trade agreements
- D) To draft the annual national budget

7. Which political ideology advocates for the state to own and control the major means of production to ensure equality?

- A) Capitalism
- B) Liberalism
- C) Socialism**
- D) Libertarianism

8. What is the term for a system of government where power is divided between a central national government and regional state governments?

- A) Unitary system
- B) Federalism**
- C) Confederacy
- D) Autocracy