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1. Who is widely credited as the author of 'The Republic', one of the earliest works in Western political philosophy?

A) Aristotle
B) Plato
C) Socrates
D) Cicero

2. In which city-state did the first known form of direct democracy emerge in the 5th century BCE?

A) Sparta
B) Corinth
C) Athens
D) Thebes

3. Which 17th-century philosopher introduced the concept of the 'social contract' in his work 'Leviathan'?

A) John Locke
B) Jean-Jacques Rousseau
C) Thomas Hobbes
D) Baruch Spinoza

4. The Magna Carta, signed in 1215, established the first formal limitation on the power of which monarch?

A) King John of England
B) King Louis XIV of France
C) King Henry VIII of England
D) King Philip II of Spain

5. Which country was the first to grant women the right to vote in national parliamentary elections in 1893?

A) Australia
B) New Zealand
C) Norway
D) Finland

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6. Niccolò Machiavelli's 'The Prince' is considered a founding text of modern political science for its focus on which approach?

A) Utopian idealism
B) Divine right of kings
C) Political realism
D) Democratic socialism

7. What is the name of the 1948 document, adopted by the UN General Assembly, that first established fundamental human rights to be universally protected?

A) The Bill of Rights
B) The Magna Carta
C) The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
D) The Geneva Convention

8. Which ancient Roman political innovation allowed for the temporary appointment of a leader with absolute power during an emergency?

A) The Consulship
B) The Dictatorship
C) The Senate
D) The Triumvirate

9. The 'Federalist Papers', written to encourage the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, were authored by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and whom else?

A) Thomas Jefferson
B) John Jay
C) George Washington
D) Benjamin Franklin

10. Which intellectual movement of the 18th century popularized the concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances?

A) The Reformation
B) The Enlightenment
C) The Renaissance
D) The Industrial Revolution

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