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4.1.1. According to Machiavelli, what was the main reason why the Italian ...

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According to Machiavelli, what was the main reason why the Italian princes of the time lost their power?

Please choose only one answer:

- They had many military failures
- They made themselves hated and despised by the citizens
- They were unable to choose wise advisors
- They acquired principalities through power grabs rather than just paying for them

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4.1.2. According to Thomas Hobbes, what is one of the essential elements i...

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According to Thomas Hobbes, what is one of the essential elements in a workable "social contract"?

Please choose only one answer:

- Men should give up their right of self-defense.
- A sovereign should be given sole authority and power to enforce the contract.
- Citizens, not the sovereign, should be given authority to mete out punishments for breaches of the contract.
- Men are justified in resisting the power of the sovereign when he oversteps his power.

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4.1.3. All of the following historical events had an impact on modern poli...

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All of the following historical events had an impact on modern political thought except:

Please choose only one answer:

- the English Civil War.
- the American Revolution.
- the French Revolution.
- the Great Schism.

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4.1.4. Classical political thought and modern political thought have all o...

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Classical political thought and modern political thought have all of the following principles in common except:

Please choose only one answer:

- both were concerned with what the best form of government should be.
- both questioned the legitimacy of political rulers.
- both stressed the importance of the scientific method in advancing mankind's knowledge.
- both sought answers to the proper relationship between the individual and society.

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4.1.5. How did the Renaissance influence modern political thought?

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How did the Renaissance influence modern political thought?

Please choose only one answer:

- Political thought became less secular and more theological.
- Political thinkers began to advocate that a strong central power was the only means of preventing the disintegration of the social order.
- The Renaissance gave rise to influential political philosophers such as Aristotle and Plato.
- Renaissance thinkers gave birth to the idea of the divine right of kings.

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4.1.6. In Leviathan, how does Thomas Hobbes describe the nature of man?

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In Leviathan, how does Thomas Hobbes describe the nature of man?

Please choose only one answer:

- Primarily self-interested
- Distrustful and deceitful
- Content and happy unless faced with a negative circumstance
- Usually seeking goodness and peace in the world

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4.1.7. John Locke argued that the major role and responsibility of governm...

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John Locke argued that the major role and responsibility of government was to:

Please choose only one answer:

- ensure that goods and services were distributed equally to the people.
- enforce the laws and quell rebellions.
- preserve private property.
- promote social and economic equality to its citizens.

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4.1.8. John Locke's social contract theory differed from Thomas Hobbes's i...

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John Locke's social contract theory differed from Thomas Hobbes's in all of the following areas except:

Please choose only one answer:

- under a social contract, people retain the right to life and liberty.
- persons existing in a state of nature will willingly come together to form a state.
- the most important role of the state is to ensure that justice is done.
- the government should not have absolute power over its subjects.

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4.1.9. The Founding Fathers incorporated all of the following ideas of Joh...

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The Founding Fathers incorporated all of the following ideas of John Locke into the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence except:

Please choose only one answer:

- the unalienable rights of man.
- limited government.
- a heavy emphasis on preserving legislative powers.
- the need for an independent executive.

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4.1.10. The origins of modern political thought can be traced back to:

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The origins of modern political thought can be traced back to:

Please choose only one answer:

- Christian philosophy.
- ancient Greece.
- the European Renaissance.
- the Enlightenment.

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4.1.11. The works of classic political thinkers such as Aristotle and Plato...

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The works of classic political thinkers such as Aristotle and Plato were mostly written in response to what historical event or events?

Please choose only one answer:

- Greek city-states' experimentation with various forms of political organization
- The Peloponnesian War, in which Sparta overcame Athens to become the leading power of Greece
- The many land conquests of Alexander the Great
- The expansion of slavery and indentured servitude throughout the Mediterranean

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4.1.12. The "state of nature" has been defined by early political philosoph...

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The "state of nature" has been defined by early political philosophers as having all the following characteristics except:

Please choose only one answer:

- men who are in a constant state of war.
- a society in which no common power or government exists.
- limited natural resources.
- universal insecurity.

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4.1.13. What were Machiavelli's beliefs on the use of mercenary troops?

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What were Machiavelli's beliefs on the use of mercenary troops?

Please choose only one answer:

- They contributed to the strength and power of Italian city-states.
- They were indispensable and loyal to rulers.
- They were undisciplined and only motivated by money.
- They were less dangerous than auxiliary troops.

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4.1.14. Which of the following was not a foundational political principle o...

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Which of the following was not a foundational political principle of the European Enlightenment?

Please choose only one answer:

- That society should be organized in a fashion according to birthright and duty
- Skepticism with regard to the divine right of the monarchy to rule
- That the human situation could improve through applied knowledge of science and reason
- Democracy and republicanism

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4.1.15. Why is Machiavelli's The Prince considered such an influential work...

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Why is Machiavelli's The Prince considered such an influential work in modern political thought?

Please choose only one answer:

- It was much more theoretical than most previous political thought.
- It affirmed his belief in divine destiny, as opposed to free will.
- It posed the idea that ethics and politics can and should remain separate.
- It invoked the notion that rulers should inflict cruelty often and unpredictably.

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