

Basics of Government

Questions:

1. What four characteristics define a nation-state?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

2. What are the purposes of government?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.

3. From where did governments come originally?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

4. What are two characteristics of a nation-state?

- A.
- B.

5. Why do **you** think all countries have governments?

6. What do **you** think is the most plausible explanation for how governments originated?
Why?

7. What, in your own words is a good definition for government?

Quick Answer

8. What is government? _____

9. What commonly called countries actually are _____

10. The four characteristics of nation-states are _____,
_____, _____, and
_____.

11. Governments share the same basic purpose of protection, maintenance of
_____ resolution of _____, the
responsibility for a _____, and the provision of
_____.

12. The four main theories of the origin of governments are the
_____ Theory, the _____ Theory, the
_____ Theory and the _____
Theory.

Vocabulary

A. Government B. Politics C. Sovereignty D. Nation-State

13. _____ Institutions by which a country is ruled and its public policy created and administered

14. _____ A political unit with a defined territory and government

15. _____ A nation-state's right to rule itself

16. _____ Methods of managing government.

Matching

17. A _____ is an institution that rules a nation-state.

- A. country
- B. sovereign
- C. social contract
- D. government

18. A nation-state has

- A. territory
- B. people
- C. government
- D. all of the above

19. What does sovereignty mean?

- A. attempts to influence government
- B. a nation-state's right to rule itself
- C. a government based on a social contract
- D. the institution through which a state makes policy

20. Which is NOT a basic purpose of government?

- A. to expand its territory
- B. to maintain public order
- C. to resolve social conflicts
- D. to provide public services

21. Sovereignty is most closely related to which basic purpose of government?

- A. protection
- B. public service
- C. resolving conflicts
- D. maintaining the economy

22. Which theory of the origins of government sees government as a result of warfare and conquest?

- A. the Evolution Theory
- B. the Force Theory
- C. the Divine Right Theory
- D. the Social Contract Theory

23. Which theory of the origins of government sees government rulers as representatives of God?

- A. The Evolution Theory
- B. The Force Theory
- C. The Divine Right Theory
- D. The Social Contract Theory

24. Which theory of the origins of government sees government as an extension of the family?

- A. The Evolution Theory
- B. The Force Theory
- C. The Divine Right Theory
- D. The Social Contract Theory