

## Radical Civics Final–Semester I.–Answers to Final Examination

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Instructions: Answer each question to the best of your ability and in the space provided. You have one and one half hour to complete the test. You can turn your test in sooner. Your final grade will be based in part on the test score and in part on your class participation.

1. Does a herd of deer have a government? Explain

*Yes. Government is a structure or agreement that a group of people or animals have with each other to govern or regulate the behavior and actions of the group for the common good of the group and the individuals in the group. Deer have government because they do things together and work together for the Deer's common good. For example, one more experienced Deer might lead other deer younger and less experienced to a good grazing ground. In that case, you have a leader and a follower. That is a type of government.*

2. Why do humans need government more than dogs?

*Humans are very complex animals that are conscious of themselves. Humans are subject to the demands of power, greed and corruption and at the same time can work in a completely selfless way. Because some humans can take actions that are malicious and intended only to inflict harm, it seems reasonable that humans need government more than dogs because in most cases, dogs will not be malicious (mean for mean's sake) and do not need to be regulated like humans.*

3. Who are the Haudenosuanee?

*The Haudenosuanee are not as someone in the class stated the founders of Shoney's (Hau and Dee Shoney). The Haudenosaunee are six different Indian Nations that came together because of the Great Peacemaker. For many years these tribes fought against each other, but the Great Peacemaker brought them together and got them to stop fighting.*

*The Haudenosaunee developed a system of government that was different from the White Mans' and was eventually in part, the basis for the Bill of Rights were which were derived from Haudenosuane law.*

4. What is different about the Haudenosuane government and white people's government?

*One of the main differences between the governments is how they treat the land. The white folks look at the land as something to be used and exploited. The Haudensaunee look at the land as a brother or sister that is to be r epected and used in a way that benefits the land, the animals, the plant and the humans.*

*Also, in Haudenosaunee government, leaders are chosen by the clan mothers and have to meet tests of honesty and integrity. In white government, leaders rise to the top in many cases by being power hungry and dishonest.*

5. What is Natural law?

*Natural law is a term coined by John Locke. Natural law is law that "comes from God." In Natural law, humans are given the gift of the earth to do whatever they want to do with it.*

6. Would Taoists be in favor of taxation?

*Taoists would probably not be in favor of taxation because they are against government in general. Taxation gives government more power, and Taoists would be opposed.*

7. Fill in the following sentence: "Power corrupts, absolute tends to corrupt absolutely\_\_\_\_\_."

8. Why did the original American states care about limiting the power of the federal government?

*The original states were also the thirteen colonies of the British*

*Empire. As colonies they were subject to the whim of a power hungry and corrupt King would not even think about it if he decided to send his shoulders to arrest and kill someone or destroy their property even if all they did was to speak up against the King. The colonists did not want a government where that could happen again (they would be surprised with the elements in place currently put there by "King (president) George III*

9. What is habeas corpus?

*It is Latin for "produce the corpse." It is an age-old legal concept going back to the Magna Carta that stands for the principle that a government cannot lock someone up without explaining why they did it and without producing that person's live body for others to see so that they know the government has not killed or tortured the individual.*

10. Name the six freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment?

*1) press; 2) speech; 3) assembly; 4) freedom of religion; 5) freedom from state sponsored religion; and 6) ability to petition the government for wrongs committed.*

11. In Animal Farm, describe what happened to the pigs?

*The pigs started out cool, but eventually the power got to their heads and they took over the government and showed that the revolution instituted by the animals had been sold out. The pigs were corrupted by their own power.*

12. Does the First Amendment allow me to yell "Fire!!" in a movie theater if there is no fire? Explain

*No. Yelling fire would create an imminent physical danger which would not be allowed under the Constitution.*

13. If my part of my religion was to sacrifice the neighborhood dogs in a pagan ritual, would the First Amendment protect my right to practice my religion? Why or why not?

*The First Amendment does not give you an absolute right to practice your religion. Like any other freedoms guaranteed under the Bill of Rights, the exercise of your right to practice your religion must be balanced against the rights of others. In this case, the right to have a dog protected against harm outweighs the right of someone to practice their religion.*

14. Does Freedom of the press allow me to print anything I want? If not, what are some of the limitations?

*The First Amendment does not allow me to print anything I want. I cannot print something that encourages immediate violence. I cannot print anything that is obscene. I cannot print anything that is defamatory (says something untrue and bad about someone).*

15. Is the United States Constitution a perfect document? If not, list two imperfections in the Constitution.

*The Constitution has many imperfections. The electoral college is one where the majority of the people may not elect a President as what happened in 2000 in Bush v. Gore.*

*The Constitution also allows Presidents to pardon, which they have used to pardon rich people but not poor.*

16. Who is Rae Abileah? What is Code Pink?

*Rae Abileah is the national volunteer coordinator for Code Pink. Code Pink is a radical but peaceful organization dedicated to promoting peace through impromptu and spontaneous creative acts designed to bring the public's attention to injustice.*

17. Can the police walk into your house uninvited? If not, why not?

*No. The police need a warrant to enter your house unless they are pursuing someone who committed a crime or they see a crime taking place through the windows of your house.*

18. Can the police search your car without a warrant? If so, when and how?

*Yes. If you consent to the search or if they have probable cause to believe that you have committed a crime and there is evidence in your car to prove that.*

19. If the police ask you to search your car—what should you say to them?

*No!*

20. If the police ask you to search your house—what should you say to them?

*Do you have a warrant? If the answer is “NO” then your answer is “NO.”*