Chapter 7, Lesson 1 - Articles of Confederation Self-Check

GENERAL DIRECTIONS: After reading pp. 176 - 183 complete Sections A - D below.

A. TRUE/FALSE

Directions: On the line to the left of each number write T if the statement is TRUE or an F is the statement is FALSE. If the statement is False rewrite the statement on the lines provided to make it a true statement by adding detail to make it historically, factually true. Be Complete.

T 1. In a republic, people rule through representatives they elect.

F 2. Under the Articles of Confederation, each state had only one vote but all states had to approve the Articles.

F 3. The Ordinance of 1785 contained a clause that marked the first attempt to stop the spread of slavery in the United States.

F 4. Robert Morris’s tax on imports helped to pay the national debt.

Robert Morris’ tax on imports was suppose to help pay the national debt but it failed to win approval.

B. Directions: Circle the answer that best answers each question found below.

1. The purpose of setting up two-house state legislatures was ____________
   A. to be able to have frequent elections
   B. to give more power to the state governor
   C. to be able to elect more people
   D. to divide power (work) within the legislature

2. Under the Articles of Confederation, Congress had the power to ________________.
   A. regulate trade
   B. issue currency
   C. pass a military draft law.
   D. impose taxes

3. The Confederation government was not able to ______________.
   A. expand foreign and state trade
   B. help with settling western lands
   C. pass a law unless nine states voted for it
   D. change the Articles unless nine states voted for it.
4. The Continental dollar fell in value because _______________.
   A. the value of the English currency rose
   B. too much money was circulated
   C. they could not be exchanged for gold or silver
   D. the price of food and other goods increased

5. The Northwest Ordinance included ________________.
   A. a law that required 60,000 residents to be living in a territory before it could apply for statehood.
   B. nothing about how people could petition for statehood
   C. a law that required people to purchase at least 320 acres of land
   D. the creation of the Mississippi Territory out of the Northwest Territory

6. What difficulty did the Confederation have with the government of Spain?
   A. Spain refused to withdraw from lands east of the Mississippi.
   B. Spain closed the lower Mississippi to American shipping.
   C. Spain refused to talk over difficult issues with John Adams.
   D. Spain kept Americans out of trade markets in the West Indies

C. TRUE/FALSE

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F_____ 1. By the end of 1776, all states had written their constitutions.

By the end of 1776 eight (8) states had written constitutions. OR By the end of 1780 all states had written their constitutions.

F_____ 2. Americans were ready to concentrate power in the hands of a single ruler.

Americans were determined NOT to place or concentrate too much power in the hand of a single ruler or government.

T_____ 3. Under the Articles of Confederation, central government could carry out foreign affairs.

T_____ 4. Changes to the Articles had to be approved by a total of 13 states.

T_____ 5. The war for independence left the Continental Congress with a huge debt.
D. **Directions:** Circle the answer that best answers each question found below.

1. The states adopted constitutions that limited the power of the
   A. governor.
   B. state representative.
   C. president.
   D. state senator.

2. The Americans formed a republic, a government in which citizens rule through
   A. appointed representatives.
   B. kingships.
   C. elected representatives.
   D. monarchies.

3. By 1787, one of the Confederation’s greatest accomplishments was an arrangement for
   A. currency to be created.
   B. new states in the West.
   C. foreign troops.
   D. the military.

4. What was the single territory that was created out of the lands north of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi River?
   A. Mississippi Territory
   B. Ohio Territory
   C. **Northwest Territory**
   D. Western Territory

5. One major weakness in the original Articles of Confederation was that it did not include organized steps for:
   A. drawing maps of new lands.
   B. **adding new states to the USA.**
   C. dealings with the Native Americans.
   D. dealing with the nation’s finances.