

SS.7.C.3.1 Low Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation


Question	Which statement correctly describes communism?	The correct answer should describe communism, which is a form of government.
A	The central government controls all economic planning.	Correct – Communism is a form of government in which a single ruling party owns and controls all production and distribution of goods. Economic planning includes the buying, selling, and production of goods and services.
B	Workers are considered to be the lowest social class.	Incorrect – Communism establishes a classless society.
C	Property ownership is determined by family status.	Incorrect – Communism ends privately owned property.
D	Wealth is distributed according to social class.	Incorrect – Communism establishes a classless society.

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Question	What do an absoute monarchy and an autocracy have in common?	Compare and contrast two forms of government. The correct answer should identify a characteristic shared by both an absolute monarchy and an autocracy.
A	a single ruler	Correct – Both autocracies and absolute monarchies are forms of government where a single ruler possesses all governmental power.
B	a written constitution	Incorrect – An absolute monarch’s power is not limited by a written constitution; a limited or constitutional monarchy would limit a monarch with a written constitution.
C	a national court system	Incorrect – Neither form of government requires a national court system.
D	a single legislative house	Incorrect – Neither form of government requires a single legislative house.



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Question	<p>The image below includes a statement influenced by an 1848 book.</p>  <p>What modern political action could be influenced by the statement?</p>	<p>Analyze the image and text. Based on your understanding of forms of government, and the image provided, determine how a government would use this propaganda to support a contemporary political action.</p>
A	A communist country invades a democratic country.	Correct – Communism is a form of government that ends social classes, ends private property, and distributes power across national boundaries. This is the best response because a communist country might invade a democratic country as a way to bring workers in that country together with the workers from the communist country.
B	A representative democracy amends its constitution.	Incorrect – A constitution is specific to one county. The statement speaks to crossing national boundaries.
C	A queen speaks before Parliament to officially open Parliament.	Incorrect – A monarch is a leader who is born into a family of rulers, so a monarch would not be an ordinary worker. This option speaks to the powers held by a monarch but does not refer to actions taken by monarchs.
D	A dictator orders the invasion of a neighboring country.	Incorrect – A dictator is a military leader who takes absolute control in an autocratic form of government. A dictator is unlikely to share power with the workers of the world who are part of the country’s general population.

