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SET - 2



The pro-Nazi, but important legal and political theorist, Carl Schmitt, made the friend-enemy distinction as _____ (1) of politics itself. To be political was necessarily to work with a distinction between an extreme version of us and them, friends and enemies. Not only was this distinction the decisive criterion of the political but even within this relationship, enmity had priority over friendship: Those not on our side, or disloyal to us, are automatically, irredeemably, enemies.

Question 1

- a) constitutive^x
- b) instinctive**
- c) intrinsic
- d) immanent
- e) All are correct

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inherent / innate / inborn / intrinsic.

Come from instinct.



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Not only was this distinction the decisive criterion of the political but even within this relationship, enmity had priority over friendship: Those not on our side, or disloyal to us, are automatically, irredeemably, enemies. In doing so, Schmitt reduced all politics to war. At least war is an ever-present possibility in politics, he claimed, and therefore a political person must conduct himself as if surrounded by enemies.

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Question 2

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- Extra benefit*
- a) utilising
- b) leveraging
- c) exploiting
- d) maneuvering
- e) All are correct

misusing

a movement often performed with difficulty



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Question 3

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Schmitt was _____ (2) a distinction perfected by some strands within Abrahamic religions that invented the idea of an 'extra-systemic other', a radical other with whom no conversation is possible, one who is outside one's semantic universe. (Those who do not _____ (3) to the doctrine defining the system are enemies to be fought.) Internal dissent too is _____ (4), akin to betrayal, of joining the camp of the enemy, signifying treachery. Felt as existential threats, both outsiders and deviant insiders must be 'converted', brought in line or altogether _____ (5).

- a) heed
- b) adhere — follow
- c) compel — follow
- d) stick —
- e) All are correct

willingly.
forcefully.



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Question 4

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- a) abhorrent
- b) loathsome
- c) abominable
- d) horrid
- e) All are correct

→ detestable / hateful



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Question 5

relo a place using violence

a) pillaged

b) expunged

c) annihilated

d) obliterated

e) All are correct

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destroy.

complete destruction

Obliterate or remove completely.



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Question 6

- a) laced
- b) implicated
- c) entangled
- d) twined
- e) All are correct

framed

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to show someone to be involved in a crime.



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Question 7

- a) ~~critical~~
- b) ~~vital~~
- c) exigent
- d) pivotal
- e) All are correct

central

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pressing / demanding



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Question 8

- a) trounce → defeat heavily
- b) lambaste - criticize
- c) drub - beat
- d) rout - retreat
- e) All are correct

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Red beat



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Question 9

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- a) neglected
- b) discarded
- c) squandered
- d) abandoned
- e) All are correct

hearse

8/ambash

Idiom to burn candle at both ends.



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Question 10

- a) belligerent
- b) hostile
- c) inimical
- d) repugnant
- e) All are correct

unacceptable

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agressive

tending to harm or obstruct.



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Question 1

- a) status
- b) report
- c) effect
- d) message
- e) reporting

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efforts

Question 2

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- a) reattempt
- b) restart
- c) redouble ✓✓
- d) intensify ✓✓
- e) None of these



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Question 3

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- a) expect
- b) project
- c) reported
- d) predict
- e) projected



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Question 4

- a) lead
- b) host
- c) hosting
- d) enable
- e) has

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Question 5

- a) for
- b) over
- c) to
- d) there
- e) None of these

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Question 6

- a) maintain
- b) declining
- c) declined
- d) bracing
- e) stabilising

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- a) comfort
- b) hearten
- c) support
- d) sustain
- e) decrease



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Question 8

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- a) lower
- b) higher
- c) highest
- d) lowest
- e) largest



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Question 9

- a) moreover
- b) nevertheless
- c) nonetheless
- d) meanwhile
- e) however

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Question 10

- a) provide
- b) provided
- c) offer
- d) offers
- e) give

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