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Quiz: The Deadly -isms

Directions: Select the answer that best completes the sentence.

- 1) What is a common characteristic among many of the –isms Matt Kibbe discusses?
 - A) Limited government intervention in people’s lives.
 - B) Free markets and enterprise.
 - C) Government control of the means of production.
 - D) Freedom of speech.

- 2) Why does Matt Kibbe say it is a problem to think of the political spectrum as “left” vs. “right”?
 - A) Seeing the spectrum as left vs. right hurts political fundraising.
 - B) It leads to people fighting with each other even if they have common values.
 - C) Left and right are opposites and opposites attract.
 - D) There should be no spectrum. We are all just individuals.

- 3) According to John Stossel, what usually happens when politicians agree on issues?
 - A) They decrease government spending.
 - B) The political parties work together to solve America’s problems.
 - C) They increase government spending.
 - D) The government runs the country better.

- 4) Capitalism differs from corporatism because corporatism is big businesses _____.
 - A) competing with each other without government help
 - B) partnering with big governments to protect those businesses from competition
 - C) lowering prices and improving products to keep customers happy
 - D) just doing what works.

- 5) What is an alternative to the -isms of the left and the right?
 - A) Liberty, a philosophy that emphasizes not hurting people and not taking their stuff.
 - B) Dictatorship that puts people first, like Che Guevara fought for.
 - C) Non-ideological technocrats who do not follow any –isms.
 - D) There are no alternatives to the -isms of the left and the right.

The Deadly -isms – Answer Key:

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. A