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CHAPTER 1. CALIFORNIA POLITICS IN PERSPECTIVE

Chapter Summary

Chapter 1 gives a current overview of California's unique yet complex role as a state within the United States. California is unique in its diverse population, political party registration, and powerhouse economy, all of which have a tremendous impact nationally and internationally. explaining the state's status as number one in population relative to the other forty-nine states, the chapter explores California's political standing in the nation.

In addition, it explains the role of the federal government in relation to the states and introduces the terms *federalism* and *unitary powers*. Concepts such as *ballot initiative*, *globalization*, liberal, and conservative are introduced.

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the relationship between the federal and state governments. Which tasks are allocated to the states? What impact does federalism have on California?
2. Discuss population growth in California, including the history and the range of attitudes about population growth. Include in your discussion the "Debating the Issues" box on page 6. Express your personal views and substantiate them with evidence.
3. Explain how population, economic events, and federal policies have impacted Californians.
4. Discuss the ways in which the federal government's actions have impacted California's economy through the decades.
5. In looking at the "Compared to California" box on page 3, why is there a difference in the minimum wage among the states? Why is there a difference in the cost of living among the states?

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Multiple Choice

1. California is number one in the nation in
   a. social equity.
   b. electoral votes.
   c. members in the House of Representatives.
   d. Both B and C are correct.
   Answer: D; Page Reference:2-3; Bloom's Category: Understanding

2. How does California rank in population size when compared to the rest of the United States?
   a. Tenth largest based on population
   b. Third largest based on population
   c. First based on population
   d. Last based on population
   Answer: C; Page Reference:2 ; Bloom's Category: Understanding

3. The definition of *federalism* is
   a. total control of the states by the federal government.
   b. allows state laws to override federal laws.
   c. a political system in which power is distributed to the national and state governments thereby creating a system of dual authority.
   d. allows California to become its own nation, via "Calexit".
   Answer: C; Page Reference:4 ; Bloom's Category: Understanding

4. The term unitary refers to
   a. a distribution of powers within a state.
   b. local authority for cities, counties, and other local governmental units derived from the state government.
   c. a concept that is not allowed by the U.S. Constitution.
   d. Both A and B are correct.
   Answer: D; Page Reference:5; Bloom's Category: Understanding, Application

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5. The state determines the grounds for
   a. divorce.
   b. defense spending.
   c. immigration law.
   d. interstate commerce.
   Answer: A; Page Reference:5; Bloom's Category: Understanding, Application

True or False

1. Each Californian lives in several election jurisdictions, including a congressional district, a state Senate district, an assembly district, a county supervisorial district, plus a city and a school and/or community college district.
   Answer: True; Page Reference:6; Bloom's Category: Understanding

2. California has a Republican majority in its state legislature.
   Answer: False; Page Reference:1; Bloom's Category: Understanding

3. California has the largest congressional delegation in the United States.
   Answer: True; Page Reference: 2-3; Bloom's Category: Understanding, Application

4. California has often served as a model for new political ideas that then spread to other states.
   Answer: True; Page Reference: 5; Bloom's Category: Application

5. The U.S. Constitution requires each state to honor the laws of other states.
   Answer: True; Page Reference: 5; Bloom's Category: Understanding, Application

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CHAPTER 2. THE CALIFORNIANS: LAND, PEOPLE, AND POLITICAL CULTURE

Chapter Summary

Chapter 2 presents California's size, location, and geographic diversity as well as gives an overview of the state's ethnic, political, and cultural diversity. Conflicts among agriculture, environmentalists, urban interests, and the oil industry are discussed, as well as the rich resources of the state. California's ethnic and cultural diversity is described, and the concepts of assimilation versus diversity are debated.

The state's political culture is described in terms of economic impacts of the current recession, and the term *monocultural electorate* is introduced. The role of government according to both liberal and conservative viewpoints is explained.

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the importance of California's location and geography in the state's history and development.
2. Give an overview of ethnic diversity in California and explain the social, economic, and political impacts diversity has on California.
3. Discuss the cultural and political attitudes in California and share your views on the issues of today. Discuss the impact of the recent economic challenges California faces.
4. Debate the issue of assimilation versus diversity, using the box on page 13 as a reference. Based on your understanding of the entire chapter, what are the advantages and disadvantages of assimilation and diversity?
5. Compare the themes of conservatism and liberalism as they play out in California politics.

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Multiple Choice

1. The geographic area of California is 156,000 square miles and is larger than some whole countries. It is the_____largest state in the United States.
   a. first
   b. fifth
   c. second
   d. third
   Answer: D; Page Reference:10; Bloom's Category: Understanding

2. The largest ethnic group in California includes first-generation immigrants and a population whose ancestors came from what country?
   a. Spain
   b. Russia
   c. Mexico
   d. Italy
   Answer: C; Page Reference 11; Bloom's Category: Understanding, Application

3. What is a natural resource in California that has become the subject of continual political debate over its use?
   a. California's agriculture
   b. California's timber
   c. California's water
   d. California's landscape
   Answer: D; Page Reference: 11; Bloom's Category: Application, Understanding

4. California is the most populous state with what percentage of the nation's people?
   a. 20 percent
   b. 12 percent
   c. 10 percent
   d. 19 percent
   Answer: B; Page Reference: 12; Bloom's Category: Understanding

5. California is more of a two-tier state than some other states. What does the author mean by this?
   a. That California should be divided into two states: northern California and southern California
   b. That there are too many people in California, and it should become its own country
   c. That there are large gaps between those who are rich and those who are poor
   d. That there are too many two-story houses
   Answer: C; Page Reference: 15; Bloom's Category:Analysis

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True or False

1. California is the leading state on the Pacific Rim and is the nation's number-one exporter.
   Answer: True; Page Reference: 11; Bloom's Category: Understanding, Application

2. California has more people who identify as multiracial than any other state.
   Answer: True; Page Reference: 12 ; Bloom's Category: Application,

3. Assimilation takes place in varying degrees of education, language, and customs.
   Answer: True; Page Reference: 13; Bloom's Category: Application

4. One of the biggest challenges in California for middle- to low-income residents is the high cost of housing.
   Answer: True; Page Reference: 15; Bloom's Category: Application, Evaluation

5. Most people think of California as being a very conservative state.
   Answer: False; Page Reference: 16-17; Bloom's Category: Analysis

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