Progressivism vs. Conservatism Quiz

Part I – Fill in the Blank

Directions: Use the word bank to complete each sentence. Write the correct word or phrase on the blank.

Word Bank

Progressivism | regulation | laissez-faire | tradition | Conservatism | reform | government | individual freedom | labor unions | Progressive Era

1. _____ was a movement that sought to improve society through political, economic, and social reforms.
2. _____ generally emphasizes preserving established traditions and limiting major changes.
3. Progressives believed that _____ should sometimes take action to solve social and economic problems.
4. Conservatives often emphasize protecting _____ and limiting government interference.
5. Progressives supported government _____ of businesses to protect workers and consumers.
6. Many Progressives supported _____ because they believed workers needed greater bargaining power.
7. The period from approximately 1890 to the 1920s when many reform movements became influential is called the _____.
8. The belief that businesses should operate with very little government interference is called _____.
9. Progressives believed society could be improved through _____.
10. Conservatives often valued _____ and were more cautious about rapid social and political change.

Part II – True or False

Directions: Write **T or F**

11. _____ Progressives generally supported reforms designed to address problems caused by industrialization and urbanization.
12. _____ Conservatives generally supported rapid and sweeping changes to traditional institutions.
13. _____ Progressives often believed government should play an active role in protecting the public.
14. _____ Conservatives generally placed greater emphasis on preserving traditions and established institutions.

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15. _____ Progressives supported regulations on some businesses and industries.

16. _____ All Progressives agreed on every political and social issue.

17. _____ Labor unions were supported by many Progressive reformers.

18. _____ Conservatism generally favors unlimited government control over people's daily lives.

19. _____ Progressives often supported reforms intended to reduce political corruption.

20. _____ Progressivism and Conservatism represent exactly the same political ideas.

21. _____ Some conservatives believed that government intervention in the economy should be limited.

22. _____ Progressive reformers supported measures such as improved workplace safety and consumer protection.

23. _____ Progressives generally wanted society to remain exactly as it was without reform.

24. _____ Conservatism can emphasize stability, tradition, and gradual change.

25. _____ The Progressive Era included efforts to address political corruption, poor working conditions, and other social problems.

Part III – Compare Progressivism and Conservatism

Directions: Write **Progressivism** or **Conservatism** next to each statement.

26. _____ Emphasizes preserving traditions and established institutions.

27. _____ Supports government action to address social problems.

28. _____ Often favors gradual rather than rapid change.

29. _____ Supported reforms such as workplace safety and consumer protection.

30. _____ Generally places greater emphasis on maintaining stability and continuity.

31. _____ Often questioned the effects of powerful corporations and political corruption.

32. _____ May emphasize individual freedom and limited government intervention.

33. _____ Believed government could be used as a tool for social reform.

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