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Cracks in the Foundation: Major Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was one of the major weaknesses of the central government established by the Articles of Confederation?

- a) A strong executive branch
- b) Unlimited taxing authority
- c) Limited powers
- d) A unified currency system

2. How did the lack of taxing authority impact the government under the Articles of Confederation?

- a) It allowed the central government to raise ample funds.
- b) It resulted in a strong economy.
- c) It led to financial instability.
- d) It encouraged states to contribute voluntarily.

3. What significant component was missing from the government structure under the Articles of Confederation?

- a) An executive branch
- b) A bicameral legislature
- c) A judicial branch
- d) A central bank

4. Why was the process for amending the Articles of Confederation challenging?

- a) It required approval from two-thirds of both houses of Congress.
- b) It had no provisions for amending the document.
- c) Amendments needed unanimous approval from all thirteen states.
- d) It allowed amendments to be proposed by a simple majority vote.

5. What was one of the consequences of the lack of national currency under the Articles of Confederation?

- a) Economic stability and prosperity
- b) Unified trade between states
- c) Economic chaos and trade difficulties
- d) Easy financial transactions

