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1a.

Private schools and hospitals are not part of a democratic society.

1b.

Private schools and hospitals are vital institutions in a democratic society.

2a.

Hunting animals for sport is an inhumane, immoral activity.

2b.

Hunting animals for sport is a God-given right.

3a.

Homosexuality is a crime.

3b.

We all have the right to freely express our sexual preferences.

4a.

The death penalty deters crime by eliminating the "murderers-to-be."

4b.

The death penalty is murder legalized.

5a.

Conscription applies both to men as well as to women.

5b.

Conscription applies to men only, since women do not belong in the army.

6a.

Wealth brings with it
higher social status.

6b.

Social status depends on
more than just wealth.

7a.

Patriotism is a virtue.

7b.

Patriotism and nationalistic
sentiment get in the way of
a healthy view of the world

8a.

All men and women are
created equal.

8b.

Our society today does not
treat its members equally.

9a.

Censors protect society
from harm, evil, and
impurity.

9b.

Censors hide the truths
about our society.

10a.

Present laws and attitudes
treat smokers as criminals
and undesirables.

10b.

Smoking costs too much to
us all to allow smoking to
be legal.

11a.
Wealth promotes well-being.

11b.
Wealth is the root of all evil.

12a.
Religion endangers people, creating enormous harm to society.

12b.
Religion is the moral fiber of our society.

13a.
People today are totally incapable of caring for themselves, relying almost entirely on society for their well-being.

13b.
God created men to take care of themselves, without the need for assistance from the state.

14a.
Medical testing on animals saves human life.

14b.
Medical testing on animals inflicts suffering and cruelty.

15a.
Watching television is the major cause of couch-potatoitis, a debilitating disease.

15b.
Watching television expands the mind while it encaptures the heart.

16a.
Mistakes make us masters.

16b.
Mistakes are the failures of those too lazy to do it right the first time or too proud to listen to their elders.

17a.
A permissive, violence-free environment makes children into responsible adults.

17b.
Teaching children to obey their parents, using corporal punishment if necessary, makes children into responsible adults.

18a.
Higher taxes on and greater restrictions on access to alcoholic beverages will reduce the ill effects excessive alcohol consumption has on society.

18b.
They who want a drink will always find one: higher taxes and greater restrictions only penalize casual consumers.

19a.
The institution of marriage is one of society's greatest social goods.

19b.
The institution of marriage is little more than a piece of paper.

20a.
A woman's place is in her home, with her children, alongside her husband.

20b.
Real parents share responsibility equally for the well-being of their home.

21a.

Scandinavia already has more foreign residents than she needs, thank you very much.

21b.

Scandinavia needs all the refugees and immigrants she can get, please.

22a.

Men are far better qualified to lead companies than women are.

22b.

Women are far better qualified to lead companies than men are.

23a.

Prison is the wrong place to rehabilitate young offenders.

23b.

Prison is the right place to rehabilitate young offenders.

24a.

Technology will be the savior of mankind.

24b.

Technology will be the plague of mankind.

25a.

A penny saved is a penny earned; putting money aside for a rainy day is the only way to protect our future.

25b.

A penny saved for tomorrow is a penny away from today; life is for living.