ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Reading Comprehension Passage 29 MCQ Test With Answers – THE OTHER CHURCHILL

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Explanations

1. ***According to Churchill, Liberalism and Socialism are***
   ✓ E) simply irreconcilable.
   The first section is built as a list of opposites: Socialism pulls down wealth, Liberalism raises up poverty; Socialism attacks capital, Liberalism attacks monopoly. Every sentence sets the two against each other, so Churchill sees them as **irreconcilable** (impossible to bring together). Not **grossly similar**, because he never points out anything they share.

2. ***According to Churchill, Liberalism aims at***
   ✓ C) eliminating poverty.
   The first section says **Liberalism seeks to raise up poverty** and to build up **a minimum standard for the mass**, which means lifting people out of poverty. Not **building up monopolies**, because the text says **Liberalism attacks monopoly**.

3. ***According to Churchill, Socialism aims at***
   ✓ A) restricting individualism.
   Churchill says **Socialism assails the pre-eminence of the individual** and **exalts the rule**. In other words, it holds back the importance of the individual. Not **distributing public property**, because the passage never mentions this. It only says Socialism would **pull down wealth** and **destroy private interests**.

4. ***According to Churchill, Capitalism is***
   ✓ D) better than Socialism.
   In the second section, Capitalism's **vice** (its bad side) is the **unequal sharing of blessings**, while Socialism's **virtue** (its good side) is the **equal sharing of miseries**. Even at its worst, Capitalism shares good things, while Socialism at its best only shares bad things. So Churchill means Capitalism is **better than Socialism**. Not **as bad as Socialism**, because blessings and miseries are not equally bad.

5. ***Choose the correct interpretation: Churchill says that***
   ✓ C) every penny of the taxes collected by the state must be spent in the service of the public.
   In the **Public Funds** section, Churchill says **the whole of that money taken shall go for the purposes for which it is intended**. No private interests may take any of it. This means every penny of tax must be spent in the service of the public. Not **profit means private fingers in the public pie**, because he does not say all profit is wrong. He only says private interests must not take profit from public money.

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