Political concepts and theories





Worksheet 4 – Justifications for equality

Place a \checkmark in the correct column to match the statements with the correct column heading.

	Fairness	Community and Cooperation	Need satisfaction
Inequality of wealth is not caused by the inequality of ability.			
In order for people to be free they require need-satisfaction.			
The most substantial practices of human inequality are formed by the unequal management of society.			
Social inequality promotes conflict and instability within the community.			
Since all people have very similar needs, wealth must be redistributed on the basis of need-satisfaction.			
Human inequality echoes the unequal arrangement of society.			
Equality of social circumstance promotes working together for the common benefit of the community.			
'From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs.' Marx			
Legal and political equality are insufficient because they ignore the structural inequalities of the capitalist system.			
Need-satisfaction may create inequalities by allowing for 'special needs' for those with disabilities.			
Essential needs such as food, water, shelter, relationships are basic to the human condition.			
Lack of equality of opportunity undermines cooperation and focuses on the 'survival of the fittest'.			
Equality of opportunity is a distraction as it legitimises the lie that is innate inequality.			