The Act of State Doctrine

Please choose the most appropriate answer for each sentence.

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   A. case          B. fact          C. rule          D. statute

Q2. In an 1892 revolution, General Hernandez ..... the existing Venezuelan government and took control of Ciudad Bolivar, where plaintiff Underhill lived and ran a waterworks system for the city.
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   A. applied       B. beseeched     C. entreated     D. pleaded

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   A. recanted      B. relented      C. reneged       D. retorted

Q5. In finding for the defendant, a New York Court determined that Hernandez had acted as a military commander, and through this position he had ..... governmental authority.
   A. imparted      B. implicated     C. imposed       D. imputed

Q6. The Court reasoned that every sovereign state is bound to respect the independence of every other sovereign state, and the courts of one country will not ..... in judgment on the acts of the government of another, done within its own territory.
   A. reign         B. rule          C. sit           D. stand

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   A. expatriated  B. expiated      C. expounded     D. expressed

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   A. infrastructure B. overviews     C. sustenance    D. underpinnings

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   A. given         B. left          C. sent          D. taken

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    A. condone      B. contain       C. curtain       D. curtail
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