Questions for Federalist #51

1. What is the thesis of Federalist 51?

2. What is meant by “if men were angels, no government would be necessary?”

3. Give three examples of how the Constitution protects the proper balance of power.

4. Which branch of government is the strongest? Why? What steps were taken to prevent it from becoming too strong?

5. How are the rights of the minority protected?

6. Why are large republics more capable of self-government?

7. How does Madison repeat and complete the arguments in Federalist 10? Summarize the main points of this concluding paragraph.