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Free-Response Questions Set 2

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**2019 AP® COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Section II

Time—1 hour and 40 minutes

Directions: You have 1 hour and 40 minutes to answer five short-answer concept questions, one conceptual analysis question, and two country context questions. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all eight questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes total on questions 1 through 5, 30 minutes on question 6, and 40 minutes total on questions 7 and 8. These suggested times do not reflect the weight of the questions as part of your AP exam score. In your responses, use substantive examples where appropriate.

Short-Answer Concepts: We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes total on questions 1 through 5.

1. Define the concept of regime change. Identify a country studied in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course that has experienced a regime change since 1990. Explain how a change in regime is different from a change in government.
2. Identify one indicator that measures income inequality. Describe one political consequence of income inequality. Describe a policy that governments use to reduce income inequality.
3. Describe the goal of sustainable development. Identify one sector of Nigeria’s economy in which sustainable development has been a serious challenge. Explain how economic factors influence environmental policy in Nigeria.
4. Explain one reason why both authoritarian states and democratic states use coercion domestically. Describe two ways that democratic states are constrained in their use of coercion.
5. Describe how the economic ideology of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has changed since the time Deng Xiaoping held power. Explain two reasons why the CCP has changed its economic ideology over the past 30 years.

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Conceptual Analysis: We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes on question 6.

6. Bureaucracies can play a vital role in building legitimacy in political systems.
- (a) Describe two functions of a bureaucracy in a political system.
 - (b) Identify one way governments recruit civil servants in a merit-based bureaucracy. Explain how this method of recruitment can build legitimacy in a political system.
 - (c) Identify one way governments recruit civil servants in a non-merit-based bureaucracy. Explain how this method of recruitment can build legitimacy in a political system.

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Country Context: We suggest that you spend approximately 40 minutes (20 minutes each) on questions 7 and 8.

7. The selection process for the chief executive helps distinguish systems that fuse powers from systems that separate powers.
- (a) Describe two steps in the process of selecting the British prime minister.
 - (b) Explain how the selection process for the British prime minister reflects a fusion of power.
 - (c) Describe the process of selecting the Mexican president.
 - (d) Explain how the selection process for the Mexican president reflects a separation of power.

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8. Since 2000, the Russian government has undermined civil society groups.
- (a) Describe two restrictions to civil society adopted after Vladimir Putin became president in 2000.
 - (b) Explain why the Russian government restricts civil society.
 - (c) Describe one example of political activity that indicates civil society has persisted despite these restrictions.
 - (d) Explain why the Russian government continues to allow some civil society groups.

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