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# AP<sup>®</sup> Comparative Government and Politics

## Free-Response Questions Set 1

**COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**SECTION II**

**Time—1 hour and 30 minutes**

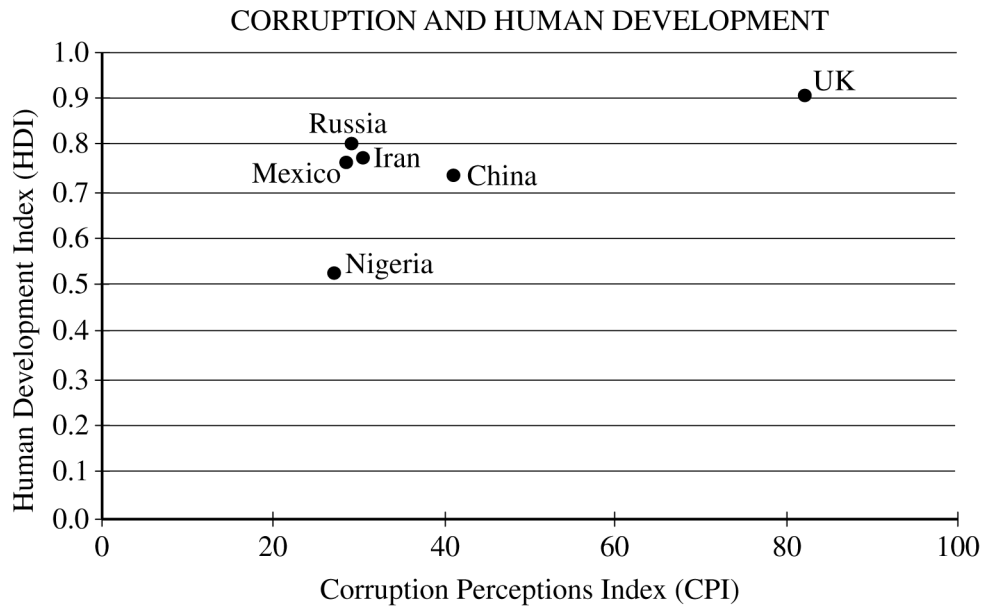
**4 Questions**

**Directions:** You have 1 hour and 30 minutes to answer one conceptual analysis question, one quantitative analysis question, one comparative analysis question, and one argument essay. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all four questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. It is also suggested that you spend approximately 10 minutes total on question 1, 20 minutes each on questions 2 and 3, and 40 minutes total on question 4. 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. You may plan your answers in this orange booklet, but no credit will be given for anything written in this booklet. **You will only earn credit for what you write in the separate Free Response booklet.**

1. (a) Define political legitimacy.
- (b) Describe a source of political legitimacy for a regime.
- (c) Explain how a specific factor can undermine the political legitimacy of a regime.
- (d) Explain why authoritarian regimes seek legitimacy.

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Note: Higher scores on the corruption perceptions index indicate less corruption.  
 Lower scores on the HDI indicate lower levels of human development.

2. (a) Using the data in the graph, identify the country that is the **SECOND** least corrupt.
- (b) Using the data in the graph, describe a similarity or difference for Russia and Nigeria in terms of the Human Development Index (HDI) score or Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) score.
- (c) Describe one component of the Human Development Index.
- (d) Using the data in the graph and your knowledge of AP Comparative Government and Politics, draw a conclusion about how perceived corruption relates to HDI.
- e) Explain how the United Kingdom’s regime type is related to the CPI score.

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3. Compare protection of civil liberties in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries. In your response, you should do the following.
- (a) Define civil liberties.
  - (b) Describe two different examples of constraints on civil liberties, each one used by a different AP Comparative Government and Politics course country.
  - (c) For each of the two AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries described in part (b), explain how the constraints on civil liberties have influenced popular support for the government.

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4. Develop an argument that explains whether globalization poses a significant threat to state sovereignty.

Use one or more of the following course concepts in your response:

- Political socialization
- International organizations
- Trade

In your essay, you should do the following:

- ✓ Respond to the prompt with a defensible claim or thesis that establishes a line of reasoning using one or more of the provided course concepts.
- ✓ Support your claim with at least TWO pieces of specific and relevant evidence from one or more course countries. The evidence should be relevant to one or more of the provided course concepts.
- ✓ Use reasoning to explain why your evidence supports your claim or thesis, using one or more of the provided course concepts.
- ✓ Respond to an opposing or alternate perspective using refutation, concession, or rebuttal.

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