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AP® Comparative Government and Politics
Free-Response Questions
Set 1

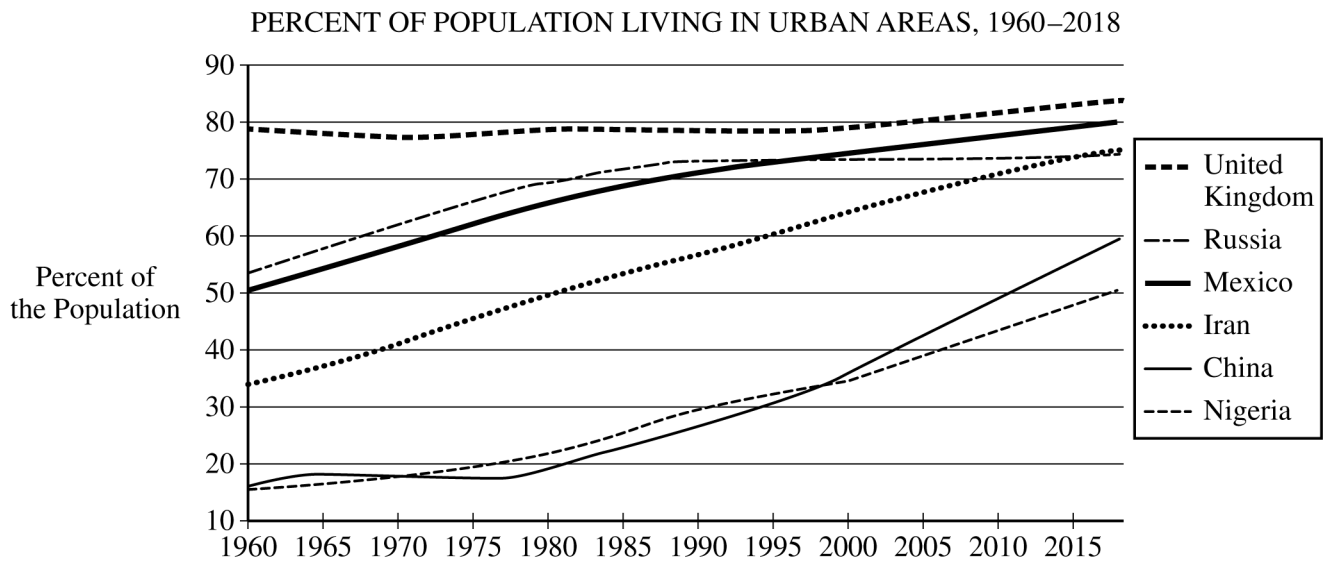**COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

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) Describe a socialist policy used by governments to address income inequality.

   (b) Explain how political ideology differs from political culture.

   (c) Explain how socialist policies might affect economic development.

   (d) Explain how a government's implementation of a socialist policy might affect its legitimacy.

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PERCENT OF POPULATION LIVING IN URBAN AREAS, 1960–2018

Source: World Bank, 2018.

2. (a) Using the data in the graph, identify the country in 1985 that has the lowest percent of a population living in urban areas.

   (b) Using the data in the graph, describe the trend in the United Kingdom's percent of a population living in urban areas.

   (c) Describe how urbanization influences demographic change.

   (d) Using the data in the graph, draw a conclusion about what may have been a principal cause of the growing gap in urbanization between China and Nigeria between 2000–2018.

   (e) Explain how governments have responded to the overall trend in urbanization illustrated in the data.

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3. Compare political party systems in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries. In your response, you should do the following.

(a) Define a political party system.

(b) Describe two different examples of political party systems, each one within a different AP Comparative Government and Politics course country.

(c) Explain how the political party systems shape political efficacy in each country described in (b).

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4. Develop an argument as to whether having direct elections strengthens the authority and stability of nondemocratic regimes.

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

- Competition
- Legitimacy
- Political participation

In your response, 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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