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AP[°] Comparative Government and Politics

Sample Student Responses and Scoring Commentary Set 2

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Que	stion 2: Quantitative Analysis 5 p	oints				
(A)	Using the data in the table, identify the country that had the lowest Press Freedom Index score in 2018.	1 point				
	Acceptable identifications include:					
(B)	China Using the data in the table, describe a trend in press freedoms in Nigeria.	1 poin				
	Acceptable descriptions include:	-				
	 Nigeria has experienced decreasing press freedom scores since 2013. 					
	• Between 2018 and 2022 there was a sharp decline in freedom scores in Nigeria.					
(C)	Describe democratization.	1 point				
	Acceptable descriptions include:					
	Democratization:					
	 is a transition from an authoritarian to a democratic regime. 					
	 results in more competition, fairness, and transparency in elections 					
	over time.					
	 increases citizen participation in the policy-making process. 					
	 increases protection of civil rights/civil liberties/rule of law. 					
	 introduces the equal treatment of citizens to a society. 					
	 adopts universal suffrage for citizens. 					
	 results in greater governmental transparency through an open media. 					
(D)	Using the data in the table, draw a conclusion about democratization in Mexico.	1 poin				
	Acceptable conclusions include:					
	• The decline of press freedom indicates that the democratization process in Mexico is					
	uneven/stalled/regressing.					
	While Mexico has experienced some levels of democratization in areas like					
(E)	competitive elections, state or non-state actors have undermined press freedom. Explain how Iran's Press Freedom Index score relates to its regime type.	1 poin				
	Acceptable conclusions include:					
	 Iran's regime type is authoritarian, and this relates to its low Press Freedom Index 					
	score because authoritarian regimes influence or control the media.					
	 Iran's low Press Freedom Index score is related to its theocratic regime, which 					
	restricts media that is critical of religious leadership or doctrine.					
	 Iran's regime type is authoritarian, and this relates to its low Press Freedom Index 					
	score. The supreme leader appoints the head of the ministry that regulates most					
	broadcast media.					

Total for question 2 5 points

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B. From 2013 to 2022, Nigiria experienced net decrease in
pics freedoms.
C. Democratization is the transition from an authoritarian regime
to a dimucratic regime, Mathods for dimucratization include
transitioning to a multi-party system, tree and fair elections,
and decrease in violence in order for democratic consulidation
D. From 2013 to 2022, Maxico experienced a net decreaser in press
tradoms which points to some unstradiness in Maxico's
democratization as an Ilbertics, like freedom of press, are not
improving in the time period given in the table. Maxico is in the
process of democratization as its press freedoms are significantly
higher thun authoritarian regimes china and Iran but have not
compately domocratically ansolidated as Mixico has been
a more dangeness place to journalists and from 2013 to 2022.
E. Irams low Press Freedom save relates to its authoritarian regime
as authoritarian regimes do not protect civil liberates of the people
like freedom of press and almost all mide outliets are state award
which means the media is directly thed to the government and
will retease only what the gave mment wants them to,
restricting the property freedom of speach. Authoritarian regimes
restrict media that is anti-rista pishment or criticizes the
government which leads to pour/low press freedoms in Iran.

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Question 4 Question 1 Question 2 Question 3 Important: Completely fill in the circle that corresponds to the question you \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc are answering on this page. Begin your response to each question at the top of a new page. Do not skip lines. A-USing the data table the country that had the lovest press freedom Index score in 2018 is china tot with 21.7 in 2018 B. Using the data table the press feedom trend in nigera has been decrease steadly but in 2022 hus had a Significant drop from 62.6 to 46.8. E. Jemoc ratization is when they increase more democratic more restrictions through increasing farities D. For example through nesico we can see a decline in their press Freedom from 51. 1 to 47.6 was carle be de they are increaseing Semocratization c. Ivans pressfreedom score index score is unsteady going up in down 2013 being 26.6 2018 39.3 and 23.2 for 2022 Showing how this relates to theided that the regime init self is unsteady with the idea of profest arcass as well as the idea that there isn't freedom unless it's behind a close door. Page 3 Use a pen with black or dark blue ink only. Do NOT write your name. Do NOT write outside the box. 0009009 06388/3

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Question 2 Quantitative Analysis

Note: Student samples are quoted verbatim and may contain spelling and grammatical errors.

Overview

The intent of this question was to assess students' ability to interpret, describe, explain, and draw conclusions from quantitative data on press freedom across the six AP countries presented in a table. The question was also designed to assess students' ability to make connections between trends in press freedom and the concept of democratization. Students were presented with a table displaying numbers indicating the Press Freedom Index levels for the six countries in 2013, 2018, and 2022. Students were expected to correctly identify the country with the lowest level of press freedom in 2018. Students were also expected to correctly describe a trend in press freedoms in Nigeria using the data. Students were then expected to correctly describe the concept of democratization. Then students were asked to draw a conclusion about democratization in Mexico using the data in the table. Finally, students were asked to explain how Iran's Press Freedom Index score relates to its regime type.

Sample: 2A Score: 5

(A) The response earned 1 point for identifying China as the country with the lowest Press Freedom Index score in 2018.

(B) The response earned 1 point for correctly describing the trend in Nigeria as a "net decrease in press freedoms."

(C) The response earned 1 point for correctly describing democratization as "the transition from an authoritarian regime to a democratic regime."

(D) The response earned 1 point for drawing a conclusion about democratization in Mexico by stating, "From 2013 to 2022, Mexico experienced a net decrease in press freedoms which points to some unsteadiness in Mexico's democratization as civil liberties, like freedom of press, are not improving."

(E) The response earned 1 point for explaining how Iran's Press Freedom Index score relates to its regime type by stating, "Iran's low Press Freedom score relates to its authoritarian regime as authoritarian regimes do not protect civil liberties of the people like freedom of the press ... Authoritarian regimes restrict media that...criticizes the government."

Sample: 2B Score: 3

(A) The response earned 1 point for identifying China as the country with the lowest Press Freedom Index score in 2018.

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(B) The response earned 1 point for describing the trend in Nigeria as "The trend in the press freedoms in Nigeria is from 2013–2022 it has decreased."

(C) The response earned 1 point for correctly describing democratization as "transitioning from a authortarian state to a democratic state."

(D) The response did not earn a point for drawing a conclusion about democratization in Mexico because it does not refer to press freedoms or the data in the table.

(E) The response did not earn a point for explaining how Iran's Press Freedom Index score relates to its regime type because, while it mentions "Sharia law" and "rule and religion," it does not address the relationship of the Press Freedom Index score to Iran's regime type.

Sample: 2C Score: 2

(A) The response earned 1 point for identifying China as the country with the lowest Press Freedom Index score in 2018.

(B) The response earned 1 point for correctly describing the trend in Nigeria by stating "the press freedom trend in nigera has been decrease steadly but in 2022 has had a significant drop."

(C) The response did not earn a point for correctly describing democratization. It incorrectly describes democratization as "when they increase more restrictions through increasing tariffs."

(D) The response did not earn a point for drawing a conclusion about democratization in Mexico because it incorrectly concludes, "a decline in their press freedom" in Mexico indicates "increasing democratization."

(E) The response did not earn a point for explaining how Iran's Press Freedom Index score relates to its regime type because it does not identify Iran's regime type, so it cannot explain how Iran's regime type is related to its Press Freedom Index score.