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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 function of an electoral regulatory organization (also called an election commission).
- (B) Describe an election rule that enhances political competition.
- (C) Explain how electoral regulatory organizations contribute to democratization.
- (D) Explain why an authoritarian political system would use an electoral regulatory organization.

Begin your response to this question at the top of a new page in the separate Free Response booklet and fill in the appropriate circle at the top of each page to indicate the question number.

CIVIL LIBERTIES IN FOUR COUNTRIES, 2006–2021

	2006	2013	2021
China	1.2	1.5	0.9
Mexico	8.5	7.4	5.6
Nigeria	3.5	3.8	4.1
United Kingdom	9.1	9.4	8.8

Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index: Civil Liberties

NOTE: In the table, civil liberties are scored on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the highest level of civil liberties and 0 being the lowest

2. (A) Using data in the table, identify the country with the lowest civil liberties score on the Democracy Index.
- (B) Using data in the table, describe a trend in civil liberties in Nigeria from 2006 to 2021.
- (C) Describe civil liberties.
- (D) Using data in the table, draw a conclusion about the protection of civil liberties in Mexico between 2006 and 2021.
- (E) Explain how China's civil liberties score relates to governmental transparency.

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3. Compare economic liberalization policies in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries. In your response, you should do the following:
- (A) Define economic liberalization.
 - (B) Describe an economic liberalization policy in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries.
 - (C) Explain how the impact of economic liberalization has led to the emergence of social movements in each of the two AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries described in part B.

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4. Develop an argument as to whether a multiparty system sustains political legitimacy better than a one-party or a dominant party system.

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

- Stability
- Representation
- Transfer of power

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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