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

## Free-Response Questions Set 2

**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 social movement.
- (B) Describe a difference between social movements and political parties.
- (C) Explain how social movements affect political change.
- (D) Explain why a democratic regime might impose restrictions on a social movement.

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**PRESS FREEDOM INDEX IN SIX COUNTRIES, 2013–2022**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2022</b>
China	26.9	21.7	25.1
Iran	26.6	39.3	23.2
Mexico	54.7	51.1	47.6
Nigeria	65.9	62.6	46.8
Russia	56.6	50.0	38.8
United Kingdom	83.1	76.6	78.7

Source: Reporters Without Borders, 2022

Note: The Index's rankings are based on a score ranging from 0 to 100 that is assigned to each country or territory, with 100 being the best possible score—the highest possible level of press freedom—and 0 the worst.

2. (A) Using the data in the table, identify the country that had the lowest Press Freedom Index score in 2018.
- (B) Using the data in the table, describe a trend in press freedoms in Nigeria.
- (C) Describe democratization.
- (D) Using the data in the table, draw a conclusion about democratization in Mexico.
- (E) Explain how Iran's Press Freedom Index score relates to its regime type.

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3. Compare the division of power between national and regional governments in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries. In your response, you should do the following:
- (A) Define a unitary system.
  - (B) Describe the division of power between the national and regional governments in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries.
  - (C) Explain how the division of power between the national and regional governments addresses a challenge posed by a social cleavage 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 parliamentary or presidential systems more effectively check executive power.

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

- Term limits
- Removal of the executive
- Elections

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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