# AP® Comparative Government and Politics

## Free-Response Questions
## Set 2

**COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**
**SECTION II**
**TIME – 1 HOUR AND 30 MINUTES**

**Directions:**

Section II has 4 questions and lasts 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Respond to all parts of all 4 questions. Use substantive examples where appropriate.
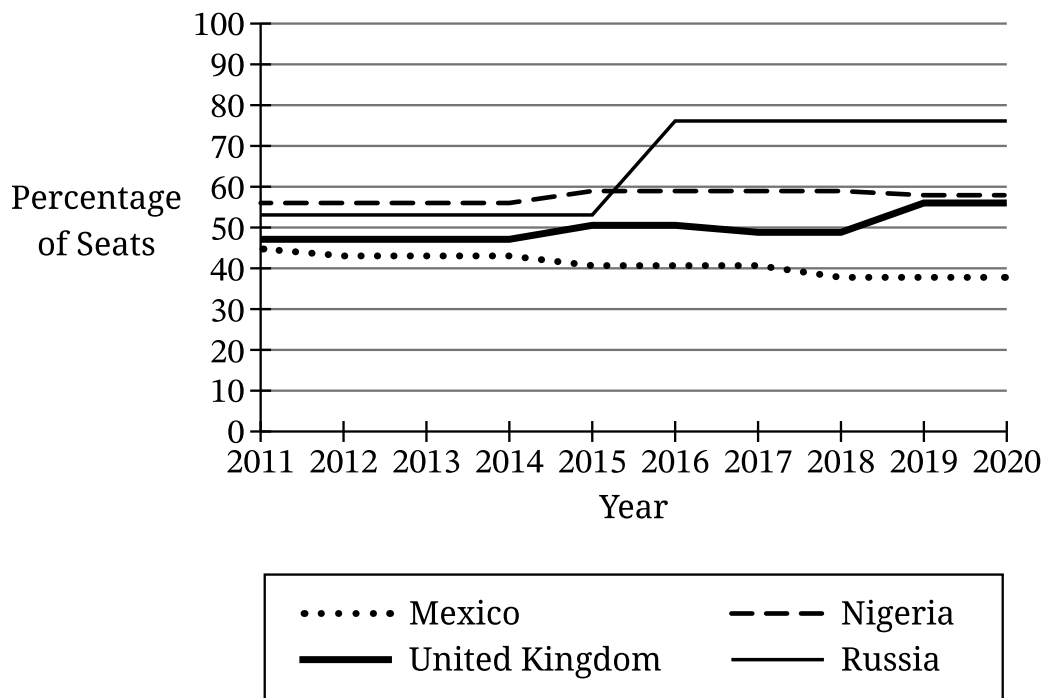
You may pace yourself as you answer the questions in this section, or you may use these optional timing recommendations:

It is suggested that you spend about 10 minutes on question 1, about 20 minutes each on questions 2 and 3, and about 40 minutes on question 4.

You may use scratch paper for notes and planning, but credit will only be given for responses entered in this application. Text you enter as an annotation will **not** be included as part of your answer. You can go back and forth between questions in this section until time expires. The clock will turn red when 5 minutes remain—**the proctor will not give you any time updates or warnings.**

Note: This exam was originally administered digitally. It is presented here in a format optimized for teacher and student use in the classroom.

**1.** Respond to parts A, B, C, and D.

    **A.** Describe economic globalization.

    **B.** Describe a way that governments support economic globalization.

    **C.** Explain how multinational corporations (MNCs) can present challenges to state sovereignty.

    **D.** Explain why governments may encourage economic globalization despite the challenges it may present.

**LARGEST PARTY IN LOWER HOUSE IN LEGISLATURE, 2011 TO 2020**



Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union's Parline Database

---

**2.** Respond to parts A, B, C, D, and E.

**A.** Using the data in the graph, identify the country where the largest party held the lowest percentage of seats in 2016.

**B.** Using the data in the graph, describe a trend in the percentage of seats held by the largest party in Russia between 2011 and 2020.

**C.** Describe dominant party systems.

**D.** Using the data in the graph, draw a conclusion that explains the change in the percentage of seats held by the largest party in Mexico between 2011 and 2020.

**E.** Explain what the data illustrate about the relationship between the percentage of seats held by the largest party and the level of democratization in Nigeria.

**3.** Compare the relationship between civil society organizations and regime types in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries.

Respond to parts A, B, and C.

**A.** Describe civil society.

**B.** Describe a role of civil society organizations in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries.

**C.** Explain how regime type may affect civil society organizations in each of the two AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries described in (B).

**4.** Develop an argument about whether judicial independence increases or decreases a government's political legitimacy.

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

- Checks and balances
- Stability
- Rule of law

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.

**STOP**

**END OF EXAM**