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# 2020 Exam Sample Questions

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AP<sup>®</sup> COMPARATIVE  
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

## Sample Question 1

**Allotted time: 25 minutes (plus 5 minutes to submit)**

Develop an argument as to whether democratic or authoritarian regimes are better at maintaining sovereignty in a country.

Choose ONE OR MORE of the following four countries:

- Iran
- Mexico
- Nigeria
- Russia

Use the following course concept in your response.

- Legitimacy

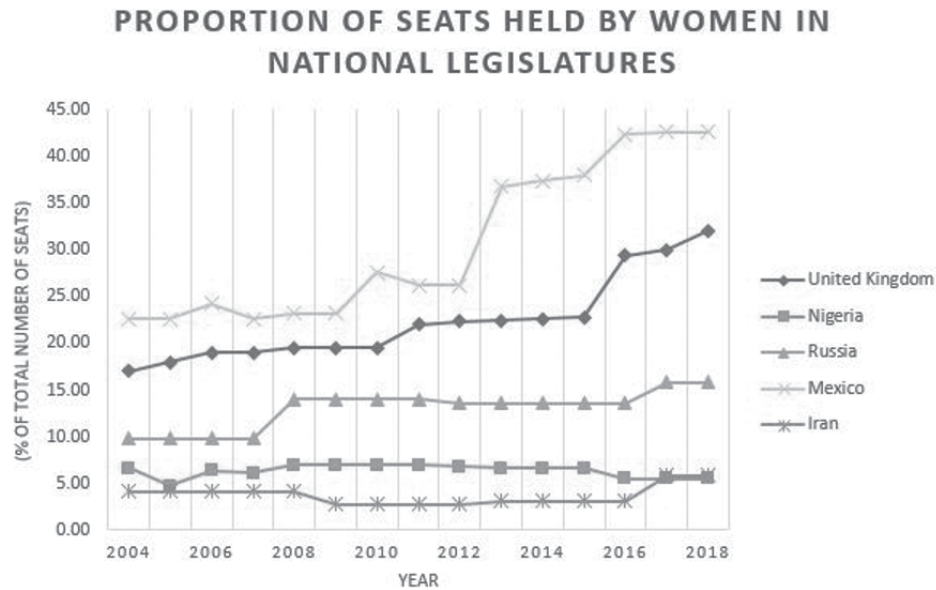
In your response you should do the following.

- Respond to the prompt with a defensible claim or thesis that establishes a line of reasoning using the provided course concept.
- 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 the provided course concept.
- Use reasoning to explain why your two pieces of specific and relevant evidence support your claim or thesis.

## Sample Question 2

Allotted time: 15 minutes (plus 5 minutes to submit)

Source: United Nations Statistics Division: "Sustainable Development Goals Indicators Global Database"



- Describe a trend in the data for Iran between 2004 and 2018. Explain a reason for this trend.
- Using the data in the graph and your knowledge of AP Comparative Government and Politics, draw a conclusion about regime type in Iran.
- Explain why the proportion of seats held by women in the national legislature differs in Iran and Mexico.