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Free-Response Questions Set 1

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COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Section II

Time—1 hour and 40 minutes

Directions: You have 1 hour and 40 minutes to answer five short-answer concept questions, one conceptual analysis question, and two country context questions. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all eight questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes total on questions 1 through 5, 30 minutes on question 6, and 40 minutes total on questions 7 and 8. 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.

Short-Answer Concepts: We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes total on questions 1 through 5.

1. Describe one power of the British prime minister. Describe one way that the British parliamentary system restrains the power of the prime minister. Explain how parliamentary systems enhance the power of the prime minister in the policy-making process.
2. Identify an agent of political socialization. Describe the process of political socialization. Explain how political socialization affects a regime's stability.
3. Define civil society. Explain one way in which civil society can strengthen democracy. Explain why democracies restrict civil society.
4. Describe one constitutional responsibility of the supreme leader in Iran. Describe the constitutionally defined relationship between the supreme leader and the Assembly of Experts. Describe the political relationship between the supreme leader and the Revolutionary Guard.
5. Explain two reasons why an authoritarian state would allow citizens to criticize the government. Describe a specific policy adopted by Russia, China, or Iran to restrict criticism of the government.

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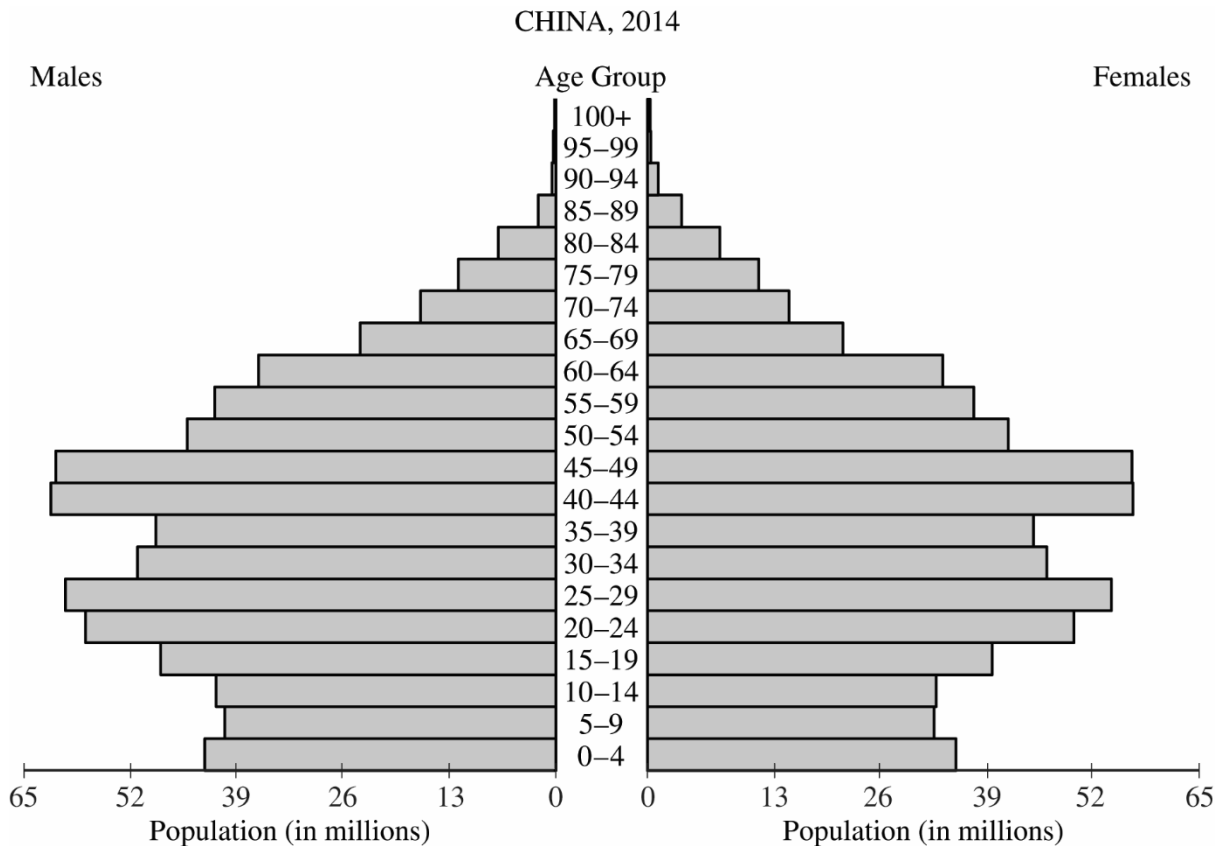
Conceptual Analysis: We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes on question 6.

6. There are different types of party systems around the world.
- (a) Describe one type of party system. Explain one way that type of party system influences policy making.
 - (b) Describe another type of party system. Explain one way that type of party system influences policy making.
 - (c) Explain how a country's party system is influenced by the type of electoral system in the country.
 - (d) Explain how regime change can lead to a change in the type of party system in a country.

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Country Context: We suggest that you spend approximately 40 minutes (20 minutes each) on questions 7 and 8.

7. Elections are held in both democratic and authoritarian regimes.
- (a) Describe one reason that authoritarian regimes hold elections.
 - (b) Explain how presidential elections since 2000 strengthened or weakened democracy in Russia.
 - (c) Explain how presidential elections since 2000 strengthened or weakened democracy in Mexico.
 - (d) Identify one factor other than elections that strengthens democracy. Explain how that factor contributes to democracy.
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NIGERIA, 2014



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Programs, International Database

8. The population pyramids illustrate the age and sex structure of China's and Nigeria's populations.
- Using the population pyramids, describe one difference in the age structure of China compared to that of Nigeria.
 - Describe one governmental policy that influenced the age structure in China.
 - Describe one economic consequence of the age structure of Nigeria.
 - Describe one economic consequence of the age structure of China.
 - Explain a political consequence of having a disproportionately younger population structure.

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