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Free-Response Questions Set 2

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

SECTION II

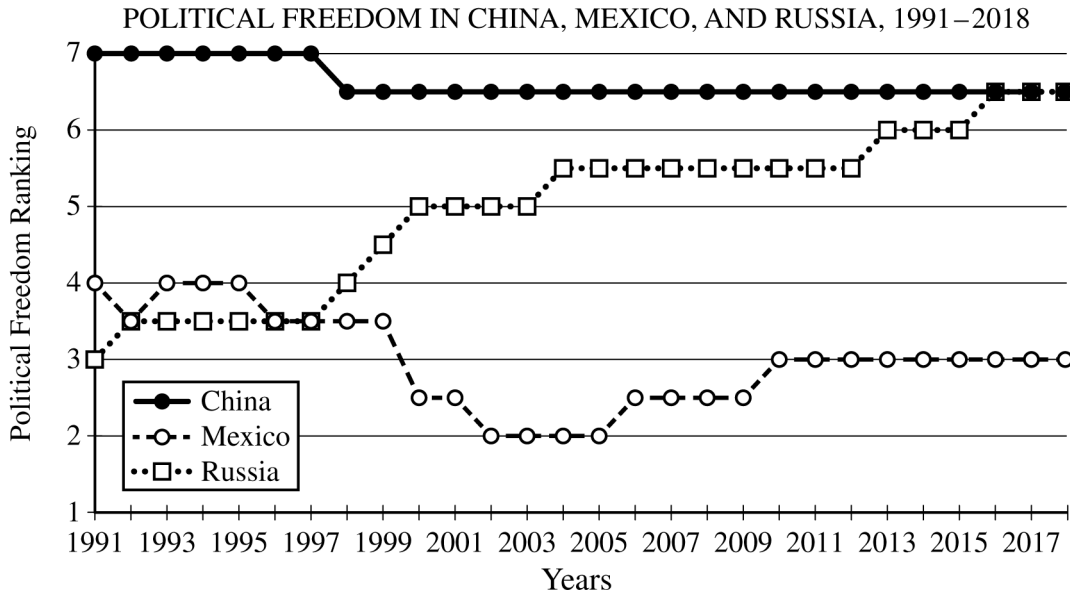
Time—1 hour and 30 minutes

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) Define rule of law.
- (b) Describe the difference between rule of law and rule by law.
- (c) Explain how a state might strengthen rule of law.
- (d) Explain how the absence of rule of law affects citizen political participation.

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.



Political Freedom Score (1=most free, 7=least free) Source: www.freedomhouse.org

2. (a) Using the data in the graph, identify the country that is the most free in 2001.
- (b) Using the data in the graph, describe a change in the data for Russia between 1991 and 2018.
- (c) Describe one example of how a country consolidates democracy.
- (d) Using the data in the graph and your knowledge of AP Comparative Government and Politics, draw a conclusion about democratic consolidation in Russia between 1995 and 2000.
- (e) Explain one change in Russia that occurred under Putin that has led to Russia and China having the same Freedom House score.

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3. Compare how social movements have influenced government policies in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries. In your response, you should do the following.
- (a) Define social movements.
 - (b) Describe two different examples of a social movement, each one within a different AP Comparative Government and Politics course country.
 - (c) Explain how the social movements have influenced government policies for each of the two AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries described in part (b).

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4. Develop an argument that explains whether executive term limits sustain political legitimacy.

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

- Stability
- Accountability
- Policy implementation

In your essay, 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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