

2005 AP[®] COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

2. The office of executive consists of a head of government and a head of state.
- (a) Describe the main function of the head of government and the main function of the head of state.
 - (b) Identify the office that constitutes the head of government in Great Britain AND the office that constitutes the head of government in India or Mexico or Nigeria.
 - (c) Compare the head of government in Great Britain with the head of government in the country you chose in (b) in relation to each of the following.
 - The legislature/parliament
 - The electorate
3. The politics and public policies of France continue to be affected by its colonial experience in Algeria.
- (a) Explain how this colonial experience led to constitutional change in France.
 - (b) Use a specific example to demonstrate how this colonial experience influences a current political party or parties in France.
 - (c) Use a specific example to demonstrate how this colonial experience influences current public policy in France.
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Political and Socioeconomic Indicators for India, Mexico, and Nigeria

	India	Mexico	Nigeria
Percentage of government ministers that are female	10.1	10.1	22.6
Percentage of members of lower house of parliament that are female	9.0	16	3.4
Female labor force (as percentage of total labor force)	32	32	36
Fertility rate	3.1	2.8	5.2
Female literacy rate	45.4	89.5	55.7

4. The table above lists selected statistical indicators related to the status of females in India, Mexico, and Nigeria.
- (a) Using data from the table above, describe the level of female representation in national politics in India or Mexico or Nigeria.
 - (b) From the table above, select data from two socioeconomic indicators and use the data from each indicator to explain the level or type of female representation in national politics in the country you chose in (a).
 - (c) From your knowledge of the country you selected in (a), explain how one feature of its political system affects female representation in national politics in that country.

END OF EXAM

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2005 SCORING GUIDELINES**

Question 2

7 points

Part (a): 2 points

One point is earned for a correct statement about the main function of the head of government.

One point is earned for a correct statement about the main function of the head of state.

Part (b): 1 point

One point is earned for identifying correctly by name both offices.

Part (c): 4 points

One point is earned for a correct factual comparison of the head of government's relation to the legislature/parliament in the two countries, and 1 point is earned for stating the implications of this relationship for the head of government.

One point is earned for a correct factual comparison of the head of government's relation to the electorate in the two countries, and 1 point is earned for stating the implications of this relationship for the head of government.

A score of zero (0) is earned for an attempted answer that earns no points.

A score of dash (—) is earned for a blank or off-task answer.