

**2011 AP® COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

**COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**Section II**

**Time—1 hour and 40 minutes**

**Directions:** You have 100 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. Make certain to number each of your answers as the questions are numbered below.

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

1. Describe two distinct sources of political legitimacy established by the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Discuss one example of how having both those sources of political legitimacy simultaneously has led to tensions in Iran in the last fifteen years.
2. Describe a major function of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. Explain one reason for the establishment of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. Explain how membership in the European Union affects the judicial system in Great Britain.
3. Describe the single-member, winner-take-all electoral system. Describe the proportional representation electoral system. Explain why a proportional representation system is likely to lead to the election of a greater number of women in parliament.
4. Describe a major social cleavage in China. Discuss two policies the Chinese state has adopted since 1990 in response to that cleavage.
5. Globalization has both political and economic consequences. Define economic globalization. Describe one policy response of the Mexican government to economic globalization. Describe one organized response of Mexican citizens to economic globalization.

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## **2011 SCORING GUIDELINES**

### **Question 1**

**3 points**

**One point** is earned for each correct description of a distinct source of political legitimacy established by the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Acceptable descriptions of a source of political legitimacy include the following:

- God/Allah
- Divine revelation
- Divine laws
- Religious texts
- Sovereignty/truth of Koran
- Supreme Leader
- Islamic revolution
- Charismatic leadership of Khomeini
- People of Iran
- Elections (presidential or to the Majles)
- Secular law

**One point** is earned for a correct example of how having both sources of political legitimacy simultaneously has led to tensions in Iran in the past 15 years. Acceptable examples of tensions created by having both sources of political legitimacy include the following:

- Green Movement or protests
- Factionalism within the elite
- Institutional tensions between popularly elected offices and appointed clerical offices
- Tensions between the Supreme Leader and the president

Note: Simply stating “protests” or “factionalism” does not earn a point.