

**2017 AP® COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**  
**FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

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

6. Cabinets are important institutions of the executive branch.
- (a) Describe two functions of a cabinet.
  - (b) Identify the institution from which members of the cabinet are drawn in a parliamentary system.
  - (c) Describe how a cabinet is formed in a parliamentary system.
  - (d) Explain how the process of removing cabinet members differs in parliamentary and presidential systems.
  - (e) Explain why policy making is more efficient in a parliamentary system than in a presidential system.

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### Question 6

**6 points**

**Part (a): 2 points**

One point is earned for EACH correct description of a function of a cabinet.

Correct identifications and descriptions may include:

- Advise the chief executive
- Manage bureaucracy or oversee implementation of policy
- Suggest or develop policies
- Represent the interests of their department or government
- Provide information for the public
- Implement policy
- Allow specialization in certain policy areas

**Part (b): 1 point**

One point is earned for correctly identifying parliament or legislature as the institution from which members of the cabinet are drawn.

**Part (c): 1 point**

One point is earned for correctly describing how a cabinet is formed in a parliamentary system.

Correct descriptions may include:

- The leader of the majority party selects cabinet members.
- Members of parliament vote for investiture or confirmation.
- The leader of the majority builds coalitions with smaller parties.

**Part (d): 1 point**

One point is earned for correctly explaining how the process of removing cabinet members differs in a parliamentary and presidential system.

Correct explanations may include:

- In a presidential system, the legislature removes cabinet members with a vote of impeachment; in a parliamentary system, the legislature removes cabinet members through a vote of no confidence.

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**Question 6 (continued)**

**Part (e): 1 point**

One point is earned for correctly explaining why policy making is more efficient in a parliamentary system than in a presidential system.

Correct explanations may include:

- Fusion of legislative and executive power.
- Parliamentary systems do not have divided government.
- Leadership is able to enforce stronger party discipline.

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

A score of dash (—) is earned for a blank.