

4. Develop an argument as to whether a multiparty system sustains political legitimacy better than a one-party or a dominant party system.

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

- Stability
- Representation
- Transfer of power

In your response, 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.

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.

Question 4: Argument Essay**5 points**

Reporting Category	Scoring Criteria	
Row A Claim/Thesis (0–1 points)	0 points Does not meet the criteria for one point.	1 point Responds to the prompt with a defensible claim or thesis that establishes a line of reasoning.
Decision Rules and Scoring Notes		
	Responses that do not earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only restate the prompt. Do not make a claim that responds to the prompt. 	Responses that earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to the prompt rather than restating or rephrasing the prompt and establish a line of reasoning. Provide a defensible claim or thesis that establishes a line of reasoning as to whether a multiparty system sustains political legitimacy better than a one-party or a dominant party system using one or more of the provided course concepts: stability, representation, and transfer of power.
	Examples that do not earn this point: Restate the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“A multi-party system is better at sustaining legitimacy.”</i> <i>“Countries with a one-party system, like China, are the best for sustaining political legitimacy.”</i> <i>“A dominant party system is better at sustaining legitimacy than a multi-party system.”</i> Do not respond to the prompt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Nigeria has a multi-party system with over 30 political parties.”</i> <i>“Countries in this course have a variety of different party systems.”</i> 	Examples that earn this point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“A dominant party system is best at maintaining political legitimacy because the dominant party provides stability through policies/leadership that don’t change.”</i> <i>“In a multiparty system, multiple parties receive seats in the legislature and representatives more closely reflect the viewpoints of citizens, giving citizens a strong sense of representation, which makes multiparty systems better at maintaining political legitimacy.”</i> <i>“A one-party system is best at maintaining political legitimacy because power does not transfer between political parties, and this increases stability and predictability in policymaking, increasing citizens’ support for the government.”</i>
Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The claim or thesis must consist of one or more sentences that may be located anywhere in the response. A claim or thesis that meets the criteria can be awarded the point whether or not the rest of the response successfully supports that line of reasoning. 		