

**2001 AP® COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

**COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**Section II**

**Time—100 minutes**

**Directions:** You have 100 minutes to answer all four of the following questions. 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. Spend approximately one-fourth of your time (25 minutes) on each question. Illustrate your essay with substantive examples where appropriate. Make certain to number each of your answers as the question is numbered below.

1. Compare the electoral systems of Great Britain and Russia by doing all of the following.
  - a. Describe the system used to elect members to the British House of Commons. Describe the system used to elect members to the Russian State Duma.
  - b. Describe how the electoral system in Great Britain affects the political party system. Describe how the electoral system in Russia affects the political party system.
  - c. Compare the impact of the electoral system in Great Britain and the electoral system in Russia on legislative-executive relations in those countries. Explain your answer.
  
2. a. Identify two characteristics of political systems that typically promote civil liberties or political freedom.
  - b. Using a specific example for each country, explain how one of the characteristics identified in (a) contributes to the level of civil liberties or political freedom in France and in either India or Mexico or Nigeria.
  - c. Using a specific example for each country, explain how the other characteristic identified in (a) contributes to the level of civil liberties or political freedom in France and in either India or Mexico or Nigeria.

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**Question 1**

**7 POINTS TOTAL**

**(a) 2 points total**

- 1 point for a description of electoral system in Great Britain
- 1 point for a description of electoral system in Russia

**(b) 2 points total**

- 1 point for a description of how the electoral system affects the party system in Great Britain
- 1 point for a description of how the electoral system affects the party system in Russia

**(c) 3 points total**

- 1 point for explicit comparison statement
- 2 points for explanation of executive/legislative relations (1 point for explanation in Great Britain; 1 point for explanation in Russia)

**Score of zero (0)** for attempted answer that earns no points

**Score of dash (—)** for blank or off-task answer