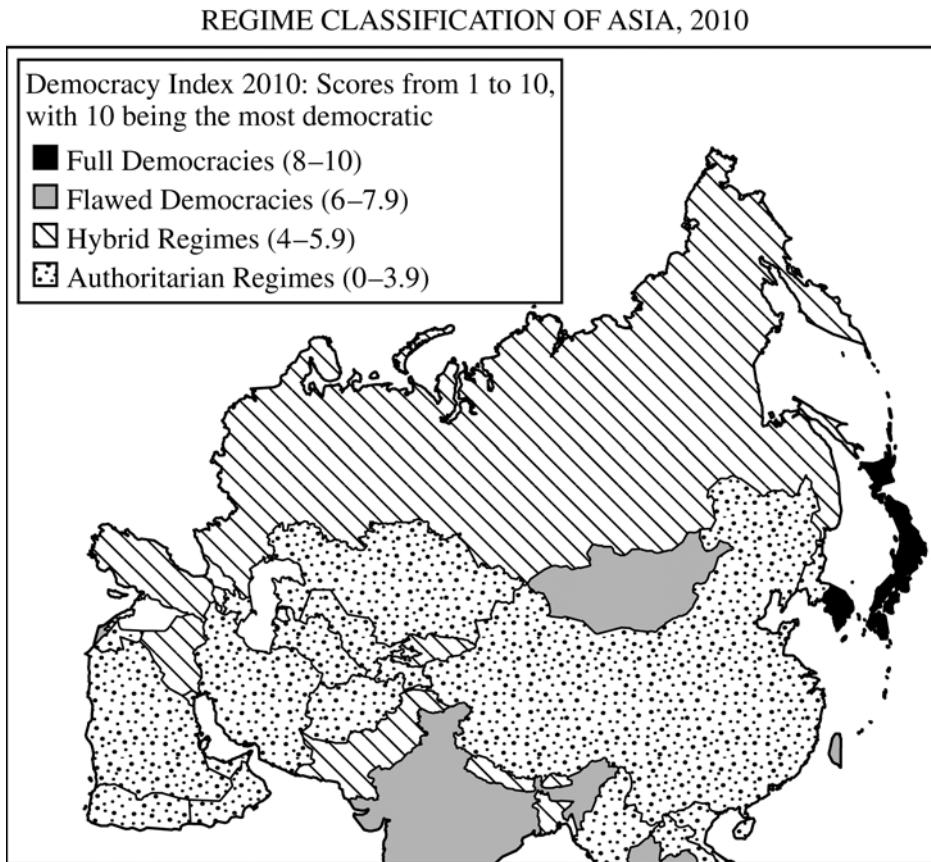


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FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

Country Context: We suggest that you spend approximately 40 minutes (20 minutes each) on questions 7 and 8.

7. Refer to the following map and indicators of democracy from the Economist Intelligence Unit.



Source: http://graphics.eiu.com/PDF/Democracy_Index_2010_web.pdf

- (a) Define the concept of a hybrid regime.
- (b) Using the map above, identify the type of regime in Russia AND identify the type of regime in China.
- (c) Describe the characteristics of TWO of the following elements of Russia’s political system. Explain how these characteristics contribute to the regime designation of Russia.
- Electoral competition
 - Civil society
 - Media
- (d) Describe the characteristics of TWO of the following elements of China’s political system. Explain how these characteristics contribute to the regime designation of China.
- Electoral competition
 - Civil society
 - Media

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Question 7

8 points

Part (a): 1 point

One point is earned for the correct definition of a hybrid regime.

An acceptable definition is:

A hybrid regime has elements of both democracy and authoritarianism.

Note: Definitions that identify hybrid regimes as illiberal or transitional regimes are not sufficient.
Definitions that refer only to deficiencies in democratic institutions and processes are not sufficient.
Definitions need to reflect both authoritarian and democratic elements.

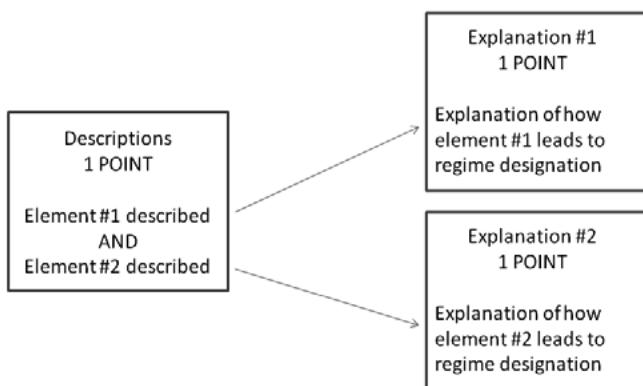
Part (b): 1 point

One point is earned for correctly identifying Russia as a **hybrid regime** AND China as an **authoritarian regime**.

Part (c): 3 points

One point is earned for descriptions of characteristics of TWO of the elements of Russia's political system.

One point is earned for each correct explanation (for a total of **2 points**) of how TWO of the following characteristics contribute to the regime designation in Russia.



Note: Description and explanation must be linked.

Note: The examples below are not exhaustive; they are meant to illustrate the need for responses to reflect both authoritarianism and democratic elements.

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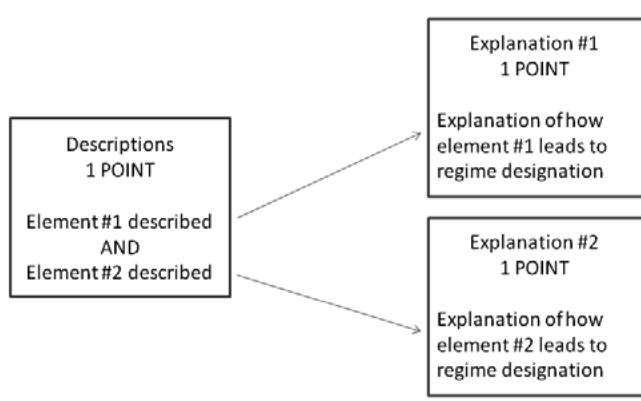
Question 7 (continued)

<i>Element</i>	<i>Acceptable descriptions include ...</i>	<i>Acceptable explanations include ...</i>
<i>Electoral</i>	Multiparty elections →	BUT some parties are excluded from electoral process
<i>Competition</i>	Some parties excluded →	BUT elections include parties other than United Russia
<i>Civil</i>	NGOs, mass protests allowed →	BUT they are restricted, leaders sometimes arrested
<i>Society</i>	Restrictions on NGOs, protests →	BUT some NGOs and mass protests are allowed
<i>Media</i>	Small market media mostly free →	BUT large market media government-owned, controlled
	Large market media government-owned, controlled	BUT small market media mostly free

Part (d): 3 points

One point is earned for descriptions of characteristics of TWO of the elements of China's political system.

One point is earned for each correct explanation (for a total of **2 points**) of how TWO of the following characteristics contribute to the regime designation in China.



Note: Description and explanation must be linked.

Note: Response must highlight authoritarian elements, albeit limited democratic elements are possible.

Note: The examples below are not exhaustive; they are meant to illustrate the need for responses to connect the description of elements of the political system in China to a central authority.

<i>Element</i>	<i>Acceptable descriptions include...</i>	<i>Acceptable explanations include...</i>
<i>Electoral Competition</i>	Real electoral competition is not allowed ...	BY the state and/or the Communist Party
<i>Civil Society</i>	There is widespread persecution of activists ...	BY the government
<i>Media</i>	Media are widely censored	BY the leadership/party elites

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

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