

2007 AP® UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

3. Conflicts between Congress and the President over war powers have their origin in the United States Constitution. In 1973 Congress passed the War Powers Resolution in an attempt to clarify the balance of powers between the two branches of government.
- (a) Describe the primary constitutional conflict between Congress and the President over the decision to go to war.
 - (b) Describe two provisions of the War Powers Resolution that were designed to limit the President's power over war making.
 - (c) The War Powers Resolution has received mixed reviews, but Congress has other powers over war making. Other than the constitutional power that you described in (a), identify and explain two other formal powers Congress has over war making.
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4. The framers of the United States Constitution created a federal system.
- (a) Define federalism.
 - (b) Select two of the following and explain how each has been used to increase the power of the federal government relative to the states.
 - Categorical grants
 - Federal mandates
 - Selective incorporation
 - (c) Select two of the following and explain how each has been used to increase the power of the states relative to the federal government.
 - Welfare Reform Act of 1996
 - Block grants
 - Tenth Amendment

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Question 4

5 points

Part (a): 1 point

One point is earned for defining federalism. A common definition is: a constitutional division of power between levels (national and state) of government.

Part (b): 2 points

One point is earned for each explanation of how a categorical grant, federal mandate, or selective incorporation has been used to increase federal power relative to the states.

An acceptable explanation of a categorical grant:

- A grant designed for a specific purpose.
- States must spend money in accord with national government's wishes.

An acceptable explanation of a federal mandate:

- A federal government tells states what policies to implement.

An acceptable explanation of selective incorporation:

- Federal courts can overturn state and local practices.

Part (c): 2 points

One point is earned for each explanation (maximum 2 points) of how the Welfare Reform Act of 1996, block grants, or the Tenth Amendment has been used to increase the power of the states relative to the federal government.

Acceptable explanations of the Welfare Reform Act of 1996 include:

- States were given the power and money to run their own welfare program.
- States were given discretion to determine how to implement the federal goal of transferring people from welfare to work.

Acceptable explanations of block grants include:

- It is targeted money.
- Block grants to states have few strings attached, so states can make decisions about the details of where the money goes.

Acceptable explanations of the Tenth Amendment include:

- It reserves power to the states and to the people
- It is being used to argue that power be returned to states.

A score of zero (0) is earned for an attempted answer that receives no points.

A score of dash (—) is earned for a blank or off-task answer.