

2013 AP[®] COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Section II

Time—1 hour and 40 minutes

Directions: You have 100 minutes to answer five short-answer concept questions, one conceptual analysis question, and two country context questions. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all eight questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes total on questions 1 through 5, 30 minutes on question 6, and 40 minutes total on questions 7 and 8. These suggested times do not reflect the weight of the questions as part of your AP exam score. In your responses, use substantive examples where appropriate. Make certain to number each of your answers as the questions are numbered below.

Short-Answer Concepts: We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes total on questions 1 through 5.

1. Identify the two parties that formed the coalition government in Great Britain following the 2010 parliamentary elections. Explain one reason why they formed a coalition. Describe a domestic policy issue that has threatened the coalition.

2. Statement X: The rate of population growth has decreased in Iran since the 1990s.
Statement Y: Developing countries should adopt population growth policies similar to Iran's.

Identify the empirical statement above. Identify the normative statement above. Explain the difference between a normative and an empirical statement.

3. Describe one major difference between a revolution and a coup d'état. Identify a country in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course where there have been several successful coups d'état in the past 50 years. Describe a political consequence of the coups d'état in the country you identified.
4. Define political legitimacy. Describe one source of political legitimacy for the office of the president in Russia. Describe a different source of political legitimacy for the office of the supreme leader in Iran.
5. Define the concept of supranational organization. Identify a supranational organization and name a country studied in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course that is a member of the organization. Identify another supranational organization and name a country studied in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course that is a member of the organization.

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Question 1

3 points

One point is earned for correctly identifying the **Conservative (or Tory) Party** and the **Liberal Democrats** as the parties that formed the coalition government in Great Britain following the 2010 parliamentary elections.

Note: the response must identify both parties to earn 1 point.

One point is earned for a correct explanation of one reason why the parties formed a coalition. Acceptable explanations include:

- The Conservative Party did not earn a majority of seats in the House of Commons, so they needed to form a coalition.
- The Conservative Party formed a coalition with the Liberal Democrats rather than another party because their political platforms are the most similar.

Note: When the parties are identified incorrectly, a point can be earned for a generic explanation of the reasons for coalition formation.

One point is earned for a correct description of a domestic policy issue that has threatened the coalition. Acceptable descriptions include, but are not limited to:

- EU and Euro policy
- Alternative Vote Referendum
- Budget issues, such as austerity measures, budget cuts, or tax policy
- Reform of the National Health Service (NHS)

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.