

2019 AP® COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Section II

Time—1 hour and 40 minutes

Directions: You have 1 hour and 40 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.

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

1. Describe one power of the British prime minister. Describe one way that the British parliamentary system restrains the power of the prime minister. Explain how parliamentary systems enhance the power of the prime minister in the policy-making process.
2. Identify an agent of political socialization. Describe the process of political socialization. Explain how political socialization affects a regime's stability.
3. Define civil society. Explain one way in which civil society can strengthen democracy. Explain why democracies restrict civil society.
4. Describe one constitutional responsibility of the supreme leader in Iran. Describe the constitutionally defined relationship between the supreme leader and the Assembly of Experts. Describe the political relationship between the supreme leader and the Revolutionary Guard.
5. Explain two reasons why an authoritarian state would allow citizens to criticize the government. Describe a specific policy adopted by Russia, China, or Iran to restrict criticism of the government.

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Question 1

3 points

One point is earned for correctly describing one power of the British prime minister.

Acceptable descriptions may include:

- Introducing legislation
- Calling for or initiating a referendum
- Appointing the cabinet, Lords, or other government officials
- Calling an election
- Responsibility for diplomatic or foreign relations
- Implementing policy
- Acting as head of government
- Representing the government in Question Time

One point is earned for correctly describing one way the British parliamentary system restrains the power of the prime minister.

Acceptable descriptions may include:

- Votes of no confidence
- Not passing a bill
- Question Time

One point is earned for a correct explanation of how parliamentary systems enhance the power of the prime minister in the policy-making process.

Acceptable explanations may include:

Support of a majority party government means that it will be easier for the prime minister to advance her or his policy agenda.

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

A score of (—) is earned for a blank.