

**2014 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 one natural resource on which Russia's economy depends. Describe how the Russian government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000. Describe one political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources since 2000.
2. Chinese leaders today differ from those under Mao Zedong in terms of their professional and educational backgrounds as well as their ideology. Describe two differences between today's Chinese Communist Party leaders and those under Mao. Explain how one of the differences you described has influenced economic policy in China.
3. Describe the role of the state in Great Britain's health-care system. Describe how the age structure is changing in Great Britain. Explain how the changing age structure is affecting Great Britain's health-care system.
4. Identify one country studied in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course that provides for a runoff for the election of its chief executive. Describe how the runoff election system works in the country you identified. Explain why a country might establish a runoff election system.
5. Describe how the Nigerian armed forces undermined the stability of the Nigerian state between 1960 and 1999. Identify the commander in chief of the armed forces in Nigeria as stipulated by the Nigerian Constitution of 1999. Describe how the Nigerian armed forces have been used to strengthen the stability of the Nigerian state since 1999.

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## **Question 1**

### **3 points**

One point is earned for correctly identifying one natural resource upon which Russia's economy depends.

Natural resources include:

- Oil
- Natural gas
- Coal

One point is earned for a correct description of how the Russian government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000.

Correct descriptions may include:

- The government has nationalized natural resource companies.
- Government control has increased over natural resources.
- Control of natural resource companies has been given to those loyal to Putin.
- The government has imprisoned company leaders and expropriated or destroyed the company (e.g., Khodorkovsky and Yukos).
- The government has imposed more restrictions on oil exports.
- The government has limited private sector ownership.
- The Russian government has limited the access of foreign investors in strategic sectors within Russia.

One point is earned for a correct description of a political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources.

Correct descriptions may include:

- Increased corruption.
- Diminished power of oligarchs and creation of new political elite.
- Decreased political opposition to the government.
- Increased state revenue from natural resources created more legitimacy and insulated the government from the need for popular support.
- Increased Russian foreign policy leverage.
- Strengthened the government or the Putin regime.
- Greater centralization over economic policy.

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

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