

**2016 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.

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

1. Define referendum. Describe one referendum that took place in Great Britain in the last twenty years. Describe one political consequence of the referendum result.
2. Describe one cause of the protests that occurred in Russia in 2011 and 2012. Explain two reasons why the protests had a limited political impact.
3. Statement A: Governments should expand access to education for women and girls.
Statement B: Expanding access to education for females increases rates of political participation.
Statement C: Advanced liberal democracies tend to have higher rates of female literacy.
Statement D: Female access to education is limited worldwide.

Identify the statement that describes a correlation. Identify the statement that describes a causal relationship. Explain the difference between causation and correlation.

4. Describe two domestic factors that influenced the relaxation of China’s one-child policy. Describe one international factor that influenced the relaxation of the policy.
5. Describe the executive term limit rule in Mexico. Describe the executive term limit rule in Nigeria. Explain why many countries emerging from authoritarian rule use executive term limits.

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Question 1

3 points

One point is earned for an accurate definition of referendum.

An acceptable definition is:

A referendum is when citizens vote directly on a specific policy or issue.

One point is earned for a correct description of one referendum that has taken place in Great Britain in the past twenty years. One point is also earned for a political consequence of that referendum.

An acceptable description and political consequence may include:

Description	Consequence
Scottish independence referendum (2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retention of Scotland as part of Great Britain• More devolution of power to Scotland• Increased importance of Scottish National Party (SNP)• More seats for SNP in parliament• Independence supporters remain unsatisfied• Short-term decline in image of SNP
Alternative Vote referendum (2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retention of first-past-the-post or winner-take-all electoral system• Continued dominance of two parties• Underrepresentation of minority parties and Liberal Democrats• Coalition tension
Devolution referendum (1997)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation of Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly• Devolution of power• More decentralization
Greater London Authority referendum (1998)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Directly elected mayor of London
North Ireland Belfast Agreement referendum (1998)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for Good Friday Agreement• Creation of devolved legislature for North Ireland
Welsh devolution referendum (2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased law-making powers for Welsh Assembly

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

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