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**COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**Section II**

**Time—1 hour and 40 minutes**

**Directions:** You have 100 minutes to answer five short-answer definition and description 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.

Definition and Description: We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes total on questions 1 through 5.

1. Define illiberal democracy.
2. Identify two defining characteristics of corporatist systems that make them distinct from pluralist systems.
3. Define political legitimacy and list two sources of political legitimacy.
4. Identify two features of the Russian political system that make it a mixed presidential/parliamentary system of government.
5. There has been some debate as to whether economic growth causes democracy or merely correlates with democracy. Define the terms “correlation” and “causation.”

Conceptual Analysis: We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes on question 6.

6. (a) Discuss two reasons why leaders of unitary systems might choose to decentralize power.  
(b) Describe one method used by leaders of unitary systems to decentralize power.  
(c) Describe how a decentralized unitary system differs from a federal system.

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Country Context: We suggest that you spend approximately 40 minutes (20 minutes each) on questions 7 and 8.

7. The increasing international integration of economies has led to political debate in Great Britain and China.
- (a) For Great Britain, describe one argument for and one argument against joining the European Union (EU) single currency.
  - (b) Describe the current British government's response to the issue of the EU single currency.
  - (c) For China, describe one argument for and one argument against the privatization of industry.
  - (d) Describe the Chinese government's response to global pressures to privatize industry.
8. The process of democratization elicits both support and resistance. Respond to the following in the context of the past two decades.
- (a) Describe two measures taken by Iranian political leaders to democratize Iran's political process.
  - (b) Describe two ways in which Iranian political leaders have resisted democratization.
  - (c) Describe two measures taken by Nigerian political leaders to democratize Nigeria's political process.
  - (d) Describe two ways in which Nigerian political leaders have resisted democratization.

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