

AP[®] COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2011 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

3 points

One point is earned for a correct definition of economic globalization. A definition of economic globalization includes that it is an extensive system of global international trade and economic relations.

Note: The response must address the system/interconnectedness/export and import, not just foreign trade; that is, the definition cannot be simply about expanding the domestic economy but must include the international system.

One point is earned for a description of a policy response of the Mexican government to economic globalization. A correct description may include the following:

- Participation in a regional or bilateral trade agreement (e.g., NAFTA)
- Liberalization of the economy and adoption of neoliberal and privatization policies
- Creation of Maquiladoras and export promotion zones
- More legislation friendly to foreign business
- Diversification of the economy
- Domestic business sector investment
- Decision to continue nationalized status of subsoil resources (PEMEX/oil)

One point is earned for description of an organized response of Mexican citizens to economic globalization. Responses may include the following:

- Chiapas movement in Oaxaca or southern Mexico
- Teacher protests in Oaxaca over PAN's probusiness policy in 2006
- Election of probusiness parties in 2000 and 2006 to accelerate globalization
- Creation of international unions (United Steel Workers alliance with Los Mineros)

Economic globalization is the movement toward international trade and ~~an~~ increased dependency on other nations of the world for resources and as a ~~place~~^{market} to ~~sell~~ sell your country's products. It creates a complicated network of trading and a worldwide market. To respond ~~to~~ to globalization, the Mexican government collaborated with the United States and Canada to draft the North American Free Trade Agreement, which allows for tariff-free trading between the three countries. Mexican citizens have begun to organize against ~~the~~ NAFTA, creating a group known as the Zapatistas, made up of indigenous Mexicans. They advocate ~~the~~ land reform and oppose the negative effects globalization has had on Mexico.

Globalization in terms of an economy is modernizing a state's economic sector to trade and invest with other nations worldwide. A response of

the Mexican government was NAFTA (North American Free Trade

Agreement) with the US and Canada. These countries could now freely trade and invest with one another without difficulty or high tariffs.

Unfortunately, drug trafficking continues to be a problem in which the Mexican citizens protest against. The Zapatistas, more specifically,

disagree with the formation of NAFTA and protested against it,

causing the government to put co-optation into place.

Economic Globalization is simply how the world's economy is being intergrated with most country's economies. One policy response Mexico has done was with the US and Canada create NAFTA to promote free trade. This allows the economy of Mexico to flourish by selling its products to foreign countries without outrageous taxing and tariffs. The Mexican citizens have banded together to form unions to guarantee that they will have job rights because with economic globalization there is the possibility of importing cheaper foreign goods. They also of course industrialize now and work to produce many products as well as migrate to places where there are jobs because of low wages. These low wages are caused by the ability to receive things from other countries because of globalization.

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Overview

This question evaluated both conceptual understanding and country-specific knowledge. The question required a definition of economic globalization, a description of one of the Mexican government's policy responses to economic globalization, and a description of an organized response of Mexican citizens to economic globalization.

Sample: 5A

Score: 3

The response earned 1 point for defining economic globalization as “the movement toward international trade and increased dependency on other nations of the world It creates a complicated network of trading and a worldwide market.” The response also earned 1 point for describing a Mexican government policy response: “[T]he Mexican government collaborated with the United States and Canada to draft the North American Free Trade Agreement, which allows for tariff-free trading between the three countries.” Finally, 1 point was earned for describing an organized response of Mexican citizens as “creating a group known as the Zapatistas.” The response explains that the Zapatistas “advocate land reform and oppose the negative effects globalization has had on Mexico.”

Sample: 5B

Score: 2

The response earned 1 point for the policy response explained as “NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) with the US and Canada. These countries could now freely trade and invest with one another without difficulty or high tariffs.” One point was earned for describing an organized response of Mexican citizens: “The Zapatistas . . . disagree with the formation of NAFTA and protested against it.”

Sample: 5C

Score: 1

The response earned 1 point for correctly describing the Mexican government's policy response as “with the US and Canada creat[ing] NAFTA to promote free trade. This allows the economy of Mexico to flourish . . . without outrageous taxing and tariffs.”