Question 1

3 points

One point is earned for correctly identifying Mexico as the country that limits the chief executive to one term.

One point is earned for a correct description of how a one-term limit can be an advantage for a political system. Acceptable descriptions may include:

- Prevents consolidation of power of a single leader over time.
- Checks executive excess or power, such as preventing emergence of dictators.
- Makes president less election focused.
- Provides opportunity for new ideas, policies, or goals.

One point is earned for a correct description of how a one-term limit can be a disadvantage for a political system. Acceptable descriptions include:

- Forces good executives to leave office.
- Leaves insufficient time to achieve goals.
- Inhibits policy continuity.
- Weakens accountability.
- Is less responsive to public.
- Creates lame duck period for executive.
- Discourages building experience within the executive.
- Leads to poorly designed policy.

Note: Students may NOT use the same factor as an advantage and a disadvantage.

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

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

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A country that has a limit on the number of terms is Mexico, where one six-year term is served by the President. For any political system, a one term limit can be both an advantage and a disadvantage. One advantage is that a leader will have more ability to push his or her policies without worry about the effect of such acts on future elections. A disadvantage is that with no impending election there is less impetus for the leader to put the electorates intrests first.

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the country studies in AP government that limits the chief executive to one term is the UK. A one-term limit can be an advantage, because then there is no threat of an ~~authoritarian~~ a dictator emerging, or for the leader to gain too much power. A one-term limit can be a disadvantage, because if the executive was a positive figure in the state and benefited the state as a whole, he/she cannot continue as the executive. He/she must still be asked to step down ~~one~~ once their term is over, ~~not~~ no matter how great of a leader they were.

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1. One term limits are very beneficial to ~~chief executives~~ countries. The reason as to why is it prevents things like dictatorships from occurring. If there were not a one-term limit, many bad things could happen.

One term limits also has it's downsides as well. Bad things could always occur as a result of one-term limits. What frequently happens is a candidate would get elected to become President; once that person is a president, they could do almost anything and be carefree about it because they would only be serving one term.

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Overview

The intent of this question was for students to describe an advantage and a disadvantage associated with a one-term limit for chief executive. The skills tested were descriptive and conceptual: to identify Mexico as the country studied in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course that limits the chief executive to one term, to describe how a one-term limit can be an advantage for a political system, and to describe how a one-term limit can be a disadvantage for a political system.

Sample: 1A
Score: 3

The response earned 1 point for correctly identifying Mexico as the country that limits the chief executive to one term.

The response earned 1 point for the description of an advantage of a one-term limit by stating that "a leader will have more ability to push His or Her policies without worry [*sic*] about the effect of such acts on future elections."

The response earned 1 point for the description of a disadvantage of a one-term limit by stating that "with no impending election there is less impetus for the leader to put the electorates intrests [*sic*] first."

Sample: 1B
Score: 2

The response earned no point for the country identification because the UK is incorrectly identified as the country that limits the chief executive to one term.

The response earned 1 point for correctly describing an advantage of a one-term limit by claiming that "there is no threat of a dictator emerging, or for the leader to gain too much power."

The response earned 1 point for describing a disadvantage of a one-term limit by writing that "if the executive was a positive figure … and benefited the state … he/she cannot continue as the executive."

Sample: 1C
Score: 1

The response earned no point for the country identification.

The response earned 1 point for correctly describing an advantage of a one-term limit by stating that "it prevents things like dictatorships from occuring [*sic*]."

The response earned no point for its description of a disadvantage of a one-term limit.