



AP Comparative Government and Politics 2001 Free-Response Questions

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COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Section II

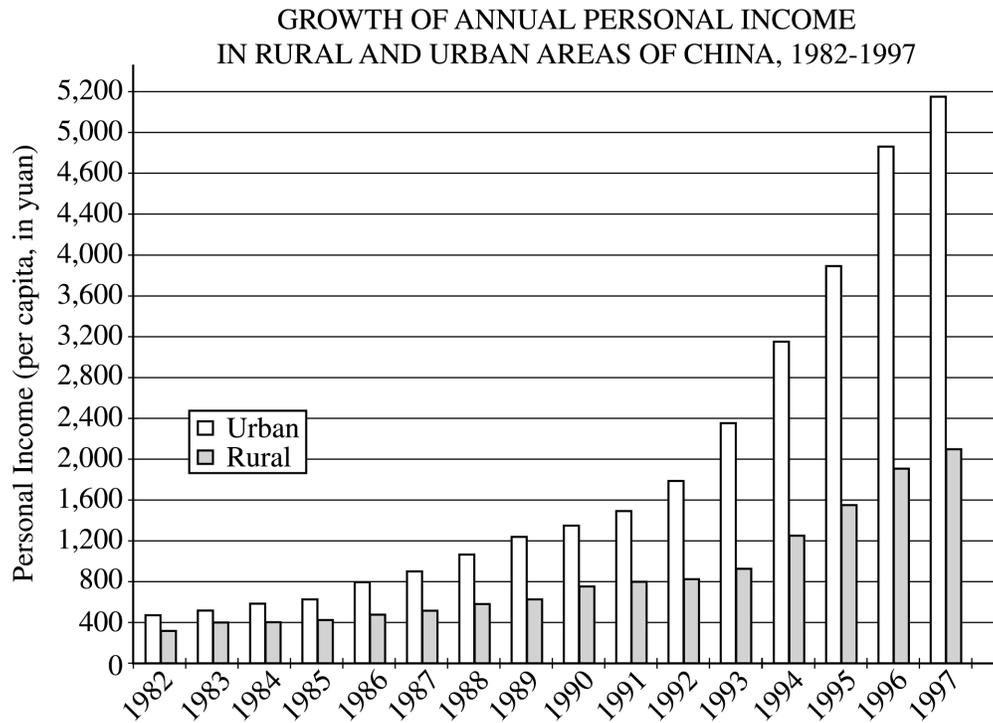
Time—100 minutes

Directions: You have 100 minutes to answer all four of the following questions. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all four questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. Spend approximately one-fourth of your time (25 minutes) on each question. Illustrate your essay with substantive examples where appropriate. Make certain to number each of your answers as the question is numbered below.

1. Compare the electoral systems of Great Britain and Russia by doing all of the following.
 - a. Describe the system used to elect members to the British House of Commons. Describe the system used to elect members to the Russian State Duma.
 - b. Describe how the electoral system in Great Britain affects the political party system. Describe how the electoral system in Russia affects the political party system.
 - c. Compare the impact of the electoral system in Great Britain and the electoral system in Russia on legislative-executive relations in those countries. Explain your answer.

2.
 - a. Identify two characteristics of political systems that typically promote civil liberties or political freedom.
 - b. Using a specific example for each country, explain how one of the characteristics identified in (a) contributes to the level of civil liberties or political freedom in France and in either India or Mexico or Nigeria.
 - c. Using a specific example for each country, explain how the other characteristic identified in (a) contributes to the level of civil liberties or political freedom in France and in either India or Mexico or Nigeria.

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3. Using the graph above and your knowledge of Chinese politics, do each of the following.
- Identify one trend in personal income shown in the graph above.
 - Identify one trend in the distribution of income shown in the graph above.
 - Describe two reforms that have led to these trends.
 - Identify and explain two political consequences of these trends for the Chinese Communist Party.
4. Patron-client politics is an important form of political participation in many developing nations.
- Define patron-client politics.
 - Describe one advantage of the patron-client relationship for the client. Describe one disadvantage of the patron-client relationship for the client.
 - Explain how the formal structures of the political system encourage the development of patron-client relationships in either India or Mexico or Nigeria.

END OF EXAMINATION