



AP Government & Politics: Comparative 1999 Free-Response Questions

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Question 1

The relationship between the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the British House of Commons is both similar to and different from the relationship between the Prime Minister of France and the French National Assembly. Identify and discuss two ways in which the relationships are similar and two ways in which the relationships are different.

Question 2

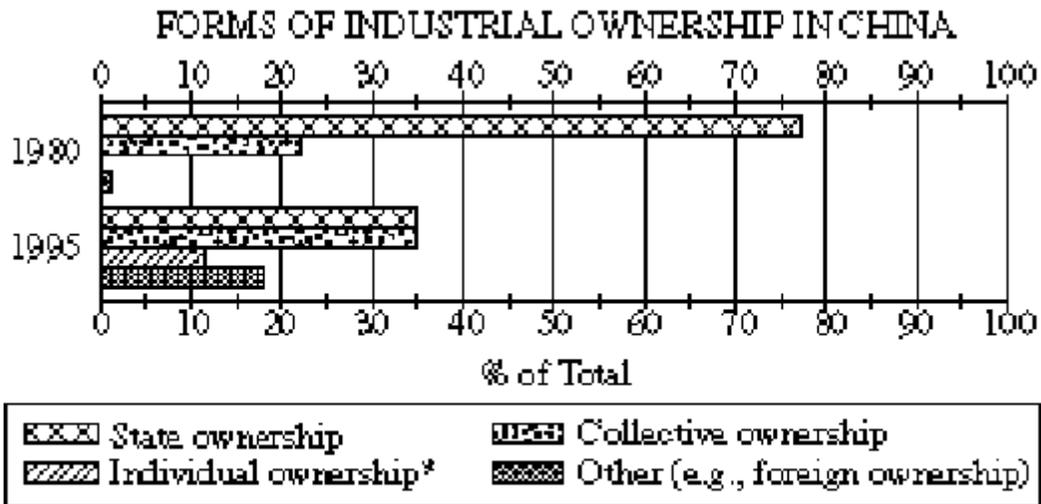
Ethnic conflict can be a problem for a political system. Discuss how the government of either India or Mexico or Nigeria has dealt with ethnic conflict and how the post-1991 Russian government has dealt with ethnic conflict.

In your discussion, do each of the following.

- a. Describe one example of ethnic conflict in each country.
- b. Identify one principal method used by India or Mexico or Nigeria and one principal method used by post-1991 Russia to resolve ethnic conflict.
- c. Assess the impact of each government's response to ethnic conflict on political stability within the country.

Question 3

The graph below illustrates forms of industrial ownership in China.



- Identify two patterns shown in the graph above.
- Describe one reform that has contributed to one pattern you identified and explain how it has contributed to the pattern.
- Describe one reform that has contributed to the other pattern you identified and explain how it has contributed to the pattern.
- Discuss one political consequence of one pattern you identified.

Question 4

Political legitimacy is an important dimension in governing. Identify three factors that contribute to the political legitimacy of a government. For the three factors you identified, discuss how each contributes to a government's legitimacy AND discuss how each has or has not contributed to the political legitimacy of the government of India **or** Mexico **or** Nigeria.