

AP Comparative Government and Politics 2001 Scoring Guidelines

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Question 1

7 POINTS TOTAL

(a) 2 points total

- 1 point for a description of electoral system in Great Britain
- 1 point for a description of electoral system in Russia

(b) 2 points total

- 1 point for a description of how the electoral system affects the party system in Great Britain
- 1 point for a description of how the electoral system affects the party system in Russia

(c) 3 points total

- 1 point for explicit comparison statement
- 2 points for explanation of executive/legislative relations (1 point for explanation in Great Britain; 1 point for explanation in Russia)

Score of zero (0) for attempted answer that earns no points

Score of dash (—) for blank or off-task answer

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Question 2

6 POINTS TOTAL

(a) 2 points total

- (1 point) Identification of a characteristic that promotes civil liberties or political freedom
- (1 point) Identification of second characteristic that promotes civil liberties or political freedom

(b) 2 points total

- (1 point) Explanation of specific example of first characteristic for France
- (1 point) Explanation of specific example of first characteristic for India, Mexico, or Nigeria

(c) 2 points total

- (1 point) Explanation of specific example of second characteristic for France
- (1 point) Explanation of specific example of second characteristic for India, Mexico, or Nigeria

Score of zero (0) for attempted answer that earns no points

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Question 3

(a) 1 point total

- 1 point for identifying one trend in personal income shown in the graph Possible responses include:
 - Increase in urban income between 1982 and 1996
 - Increase in rural income between 1982 and 1996
 - \circ $\,$ Increase in personal income overall between 1982 and 1996 $\,$

(b) 1 point total

- 1 point for identifying one trend in the distribution of income shown in the graph Possible responses include:
 - The gap between urban and rural incomes increased between 1982 and 1996
 - Urban incomes are always higher than rural incomes in the years shown

Note on (a) and (b): Trend must be over time, not just a single point in time

(c) 2 points total

• 1 point for each description of a reform that has led to one trend

Notes: Reform can be described without specific name of the reform

Linkage between the trend identified in (a) and (b) and the reform is NOT necessary The reform must be described, or else no credit

(d) 4 points total

- 1 point for each identification of a political consequence (2 points total)
- 1 point for each explanation of the consequence identified (2 points total)

Score of zero (0) for attempted answer that earns no points

Score of dash (-) for blank or off-task answer

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Question 4

5 POINTS TOTAL

(a) 1 point

• Definition: Asymmetric power relationship in which there is an exchange of benefits

(b) 2 points total

- 1 point for a good description of an advantage for the client
- 1 point for a good description of a disadvantage for the client

OR

• 1 point for a disadvantage AND an advantage that are essentially an extension of the definition (e.g., client gets goods but owes the patron)

(c) 2 points total

- 1 point for a general, broad explanation; appropriate to formal structures of India or Mexico or Nigeria
- 1 point for a specific link and explanation that ties patron-client to formal structure of India or Mexico or Nigeria

Note: Explanation must relate patron-client relationship to the FORMAL structure of government

Score of zero (0) for attempted answer that earns no points

Score of dash (-) for blank or off-task answer