

AP[®] COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2013 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

3 points

One point is earned for a correct definition of the concept of supranational organization.

An acceptable definition is:

An organization that has national governments as members with its own sovereign powers over member states.

Note: These powers may be specific to policy areas. Students may use the terms country, state, or nation-state in their response.

One point EACH (2 points total) is earned for correctly identifying a supranational organization and a country that is a member of the organization.

Acceptable identifications include:

- Nigeria — The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Great Britain — World Trade Organization (WTO) and the European Union (EU)
- Russia — WTO
- China — WTO
- Mexico — WTO

A score of zero (0) is earned for an off-task answer or an attempted answer that merits no points.

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

5. Define the concept of supranational organization. Identify a supranational organization and name a country studied in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course that is a member of the organization. Identify another supranational organization and name a country studied in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course that is a member of the organization.

A Supranational organization is an organization that goes beyond the governments of its member states, and can make certain decisions for its member countries because they surrender some of their autonomy to be a member of this organization. Great Britain is a member of the European Union, a powerful supranational organization. Mexico is a member of the World Trade Organization

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A supranational organization is one that includes several different nations and links them together. In doing so, each individual country's sovereignty is decreased as the supranational organization gains power. One example of a supranational organization is the European Union, which Great Britain belongs to. Another example is NAFTA, which Mexico belongs to.

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A supranational organization is one that aggregates governments from around the world to focus on one policy issue. These organizations can be a mechanism for integration and require member states to give up some small amount of political sovereignty in order to become a member. One example of a supranational organization is the World Bank of which Great Britain is a member. Another example of this type of organization is OPEC or the Organization for Petroleum-Exporting Countries of which Iran is a part.

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2013 SCORING COMMENTARY

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Overview

The intent of the question was for students to define supranational organizations; to identify two supranational organizations; and, for each supranational organization, name a country studied in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course that is a member of the supranational organization identified. The skills tested are conceptual with application of the concept: to define and identify a supranational organization and name a member country in a short conceptual response. Students had three specific tasks: define supranational organization, which required an understanding of the concept; identify one specific supranational organization and name a member country; and identify another supranational organization and name a member country, which required knowledge of the concept of a supranational organization in practice.

Sample: 5A

Score: 3

The response earned 1 point for correctly defining a supranational organization as “an organization that ... can make certain decisions for its member countries because they surrender some of their autonomy to be a member of this organization.”

The response earned 1 point for correctly identifying the European Union as a supranational organization and for naming Great Britain as a member of the European Union.

The response earned 1 point for correctly identifying the World Trade Organization as a supranational organization and naming Mexico as a member of the World Trade Organization.

Sample: 5B

Score: 2

The response earned 1 point for correctly defining a supranational organization as one in which “each individual country’s sovereignty is decreased as the supranational organization gains power.”

The response earned 1 point for correctly identifying the European Union as a supranational organization and Great Britain as a member of the European Union.

The response did not earn a point for the second identification of a supranational organization and naming of a member country.

Sample: 5C

Score: 1

The response earned 1 point for correctly defining a supranational organization as one that requires “member states to give up some small amount of political sovereignty in order to become a member.”

The response did not earn a point for the first identification of a supranational organization and naming of a member country.

The response did not earn a point for the second identification of a supranational organization and naming of a member country.