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COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Section II

Time—1 hour and 40 minutes

Directions: You have 100 minutes to answer five short-answer concept questions, one conceptual analysis question, and two country context questions. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all eight questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes total on questions 1 through 5, 30 minutes on question 6, and 40 minutes total on questions 7 and 8. These suggested times do not reflect the weight of the questions as part of your AP exam score. In your responses, use substantive examples where appropriate. Make certain to number each of your answers as the questions are numbered below.

Short-Answer Concepts: We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes total on questions 1 through 5.

1. Identify the two parties that formed the coalition government in Great Britain following the 2010 parliamentary elections. Explain one reason why they formed a coalition. Describe a domestic policy issue that has threatened the coalition.

2. Statement X: The rate of population growth has decreased in Iran since the 1990s.
Statement Y: Developing countries should adopt population growth policies similar to Iran's.

Identify the empirical statement above. Identify the normative statement above. Explain the difference between a normative and an empirical statement.

3. Describe one major difference between a revolution and a coup d'état. Identify a country in the AP Comparative Government and Politics course where there have been several successful coups d'état in the past 50 years. Describe a political consequence of the coups d'état in the country you identified.

4. Define political legitimacy. Describe one source of political legitimacy for the office of the president in Russia. Describe a different source of political legitimacy for the office of the supreme leader in Iran.

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.

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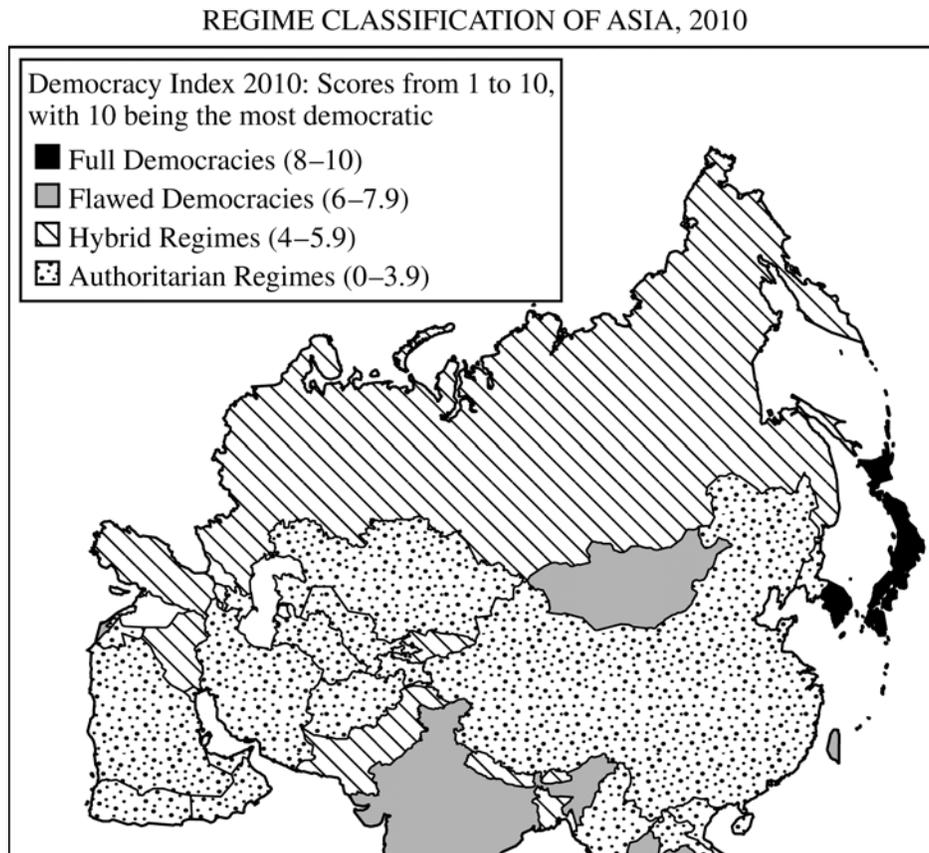
Conceptual Analysis: We suggest that you spend approximately 30 minutes on question 6.

6. Political economy involves the study of the relationship between states and markets.
- (a) Define economic liberalization.
 - (b) Describe the actions governments take in pursuing a policy of economic liberalization regarding TWO of the following:
 - Subsidies
 - Tariffs
 - Ownership of companies and firms
 - Foreign direct investment
 - (c) Identify one international organization that promotes economic liberalization.
 - (d) Explain one reason for pursuing economic liberalization.
 - (e) Explain one reason for resisting economic liberalization.

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Country Context: We suggest that you spend approximately 40 minutes (20 minutes each) on questions 7 and 8.

7. Refer to the following map and indicators of democracy from the Economist Intelligence Unit.



Source: http://graphics.eiu.com/PDF/Democracy_Index_2010_web.pdf

- (a) Define the concept of a hybrid regime.
- (b) Using the map above, identify the type of regime in Russia AND identify the type of regime in China.
- (c) Describe the characteristics of TWO of the following elements of Russia's political system. Explain how these characteristics contribute to the regime designation of Russia.
- Electoral competition
 - Civil society
 - Media
- (d) Describe the characteristics of TWO of the following elements of China's political system. Explain how these characteristics contribute to the regime designation of China.
- Electoral competition
 - Civil society
 - Media

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8. Ethnicity plays a role in politics in Mexico and Nigeria.
- (a) Describe a significant ethnic division in Mexico.
 - (b) Identify an ethnic movement that emerged in Mexico after 1990 and explain one reason why the movement arose.
 - (c) Describe a significant ethnic division in Nigeria.
 - (d) Identify an ethnic movement that emerged in Nigeria after 1990 and explain one reason why the movement arose.
 - (e) Explain one reason why ethnicity has played a more significant role in Nigerian than in Mexican politics.

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