

AP[®] COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2014 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 1

3 points

One point is earned for correctly identifying one natural resource upon which Russia's economy depends.

Natural resources include:

- Oil
- Natural gas
- Coal

One point is earned for a correct description of how the Russian government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000.

Correct descriptions may include:

- The government has nationalized natural resource companies.
- Government control has increased over natural resources.
- Control of natural resource companies has been given to those loyal to Putin.
- The government has imprisoned company leaders and expropriated or destroyed the company (e.g., Khodorkovshy and Yukos).
- The government has imposed more restrictions on oil exports.
- The government has limited private sector ownership.
- The Russian government has limited the access of foreign investors in strategic sectors within Russia.

One point is earned for a correct description of a political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources.

Correct descriptions may include:

- Increased corruption.
- Diminished power of oligarchs and creation of new political elite.
- Decreased political opposition to the government.
- Increased state revenue from natural resources created more legitimacy and insulated the government from the need for popular support.
- Increased Russian foreign policy leverage.
- Strengthened the government or the Putin regime.
- Greater centralization over economic policy.

A score of zero (0) is earned for an attempted answer that earns no points.

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

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Section II

Time—1 hour and 40 minutes

1 A

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 one natural resource on which Russia's economy depends. Describe how the Russian government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000. Describe one political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources since 2000.

Russia is heavily dependant on oil and natural gas production to drive its economy. Since 2000, the Russian government has gained more control over the country's oil by developing stronger ties with the oligarches that control the industry. A consequence of this control is that ^{the} Russian government can better leverage oil transport to markets such as Europe ~~and~~ in order to achieve political gain. One example is Russia's recent acquisition of the Crimean Peninsula.

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1 B

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 one natural resource on which Russia's economy depends. Describe how the Russian government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000. Describe one political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources since 2000.

One natural resource Russia's depends heavily on is oil. Since 2000, the government's control over oil has increased and they have placed more regulations on the export of it. One political consequence of this is the environmental policy concerns with the extraction of this oil.

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1C

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 one natural resource on which Russia's economy depends. Describe how the Russian government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000. Describe one political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources since 2000.

Natural gas is one natural ^{resource} ~~gas~~ that Russia's economy depends on. Russian government still maintains ownership over many natural resource companies, however there has been an increase in privatization in this industry. As a consequence, big business has thrived, increasing the wealth gap between upper and lower social classes.

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Question 1

Overview

The intent of this question was to assess the students' understanding of the change in Russia's control over natural resources since 2000 and the political consequences of this change. The skill tested was descriptive. The students had three specific tasks: to identify one natural resource on which the Russian economy depends, to describe how the Russian government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000, and to describe one political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources since 2000.

Sample: 1A **Score: 3**

The response earned 1 point for correctly identifying oil and natural gas as natural resources on which Russia's economy depends. The response earned 1 point for correctly describing how the government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000 by stating that it "has gained more control over the country's oil." The response earned 1 point for correctly describing one political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources since 2000 by affirming that "the Russian government can better leverage oil transport to markets such as Europe in order to achieve political gain."

Sample: 1B **Score: 2**

The response earned 1 point for correctly identifying oil as one natural resource on which Russia's economy depends. The response earned 1 point for correctly describing how the government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000 by pointing out that "the government's control over oil has increased and they have placed more regulations on the export of it." The response did not earn a point for describing one political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources since 2000 because the description is incorrect.

Sample: 1C **Score: 1**

The response earned 1 point for correctly identifying natural gas as one natural resource on which Russia's economy depends. The response did not earn a point for describing how the government's control over natural resources has changed since 2000 because the description is incorrect. The response did not earn a point for describing one political consequence of the change in the Russian government's control over natural resources since 2000 because the description is incorrect.