

AP[®] COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

2015 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 3

3 points

One point is earned for a correct identification of a way members of the Guardian Council are selected.

Acceptable identifications include:

- The supreme leader chooses one-half of Guardian Council members.
- The head of the judiciary nominates one-half of Guardian Council members.
- The Majles approves the nominees made by the judiciary.

One point is earned for EACH correct description of a specific function of the Guardian Council.

Acceptable descriptions may include:

- Vetting candidates for elections
- Monitoring elections
- Overseeing the Majles
- Approving legislation passed by the Majles
- Vetoing legislation passed by the Majles
- Making sure laws or government actions are compatible with Islamic law
- Making sure laws are compatible with the Constitution
- Advising the supreme leader on matters related to jurist guardianship

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

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

3. Identify one way members of the Guardian Council are selected. Describe two specific functions of the Guardian Council.

3A1

6 members of the Guardian Council are selected by the Supreme Leader. Two specific functions of the Guardian Council in Iran are to make sure laws passed by the Majlis follow Islam and that laws are also ~~constitutional~~ ^{constitutional}. They provide an important 'check' on the Majlis, and have veto powers over the laws they pass as well.

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One way members of the Guardian Council are selected is that they are selected by the Supreme Leader. Two specific functions of the Guardian Council are that they are a group of clerics that have control over the whole community and they have the power to override or veto legislations passed by the Majlis.

3. Identify one way members of the Guardian Council are selected. Describe two specific functions of the Guardian Council.

3C1

Members of the Guardian Council are selected by the assembly of religious Experts. The Guardian Council ensures that laws passed by the majlis are in accordance with Sharia law, and they select the supreme leader.

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2015 SCORING COMMENTARY

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Overview

The intent of this question was for students to identify one method for selecting members of Iran’s Guardian Council and to describe two specific functions of the Guardian Council. The skill tested was descriptive: to identify a method for selecting members of the Guardian Council and to describe two functions of the Guardian Council.

Sample: 3A **Score: 3**

The response earned 1 point for correctly identifying one method for selecting members of Iran’s Guardian Council by stating, “6 members of the Guardian Council are selected by the Supreme Leader.” The response earned 1 point for correctly describing one specific function of the Guardian Council: “to make sure laws passed by the Majiles [*sic*] follow Islam.” The response earned 1 point for correctly describing one other function of the Guardian Council: “They provide an important ‘check’ on the Majiles [*sic*], and have veto powers over the laws they pass as well.”

Sample: 3B **Score: 2**

The response earned 1 point for correctly identifying one method for selecting members of Iran’s Guardian Council by stating that members “are selected by the Supreme Leader.” The response does not correctly describe the first specific function of the Guardian Council. The response earned 1 point for correctly describing another specific function of the Guardian Council as having “the power to override or veto legislation passed by the Majles.”

Sample: 3C **Score: 1**

The response does not correctly identify a way that members of the Guardian Council are selected. The response earned 1 point for correctly describing a specific function of the Guardian Council: “The Guardian Council ensures that laws passed by the Majiles [*sic*] are in accordance with Sharia [*sic*] law.” The response does not correctly describe one other specific function of the Guardian Council.