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AP[®] Comparative Government and Politics

Free-Response Questions Set 2

COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

SECTION II

Time—1 hour and 30 minutes

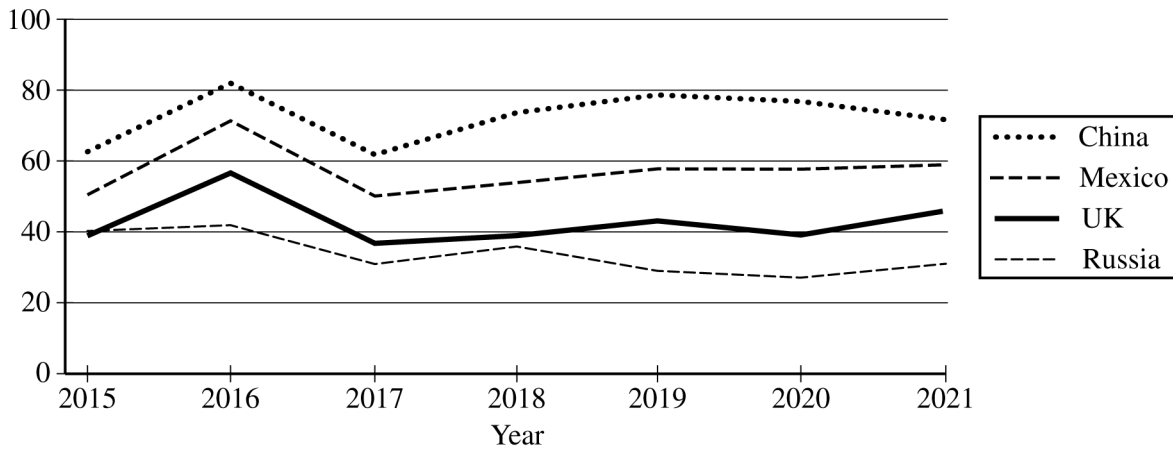
4 Questions

Directions: You have 1 hour and 30 minutes to answer one conceptual analysis question, one quantitative analysis question, one comparative analysis question, and one argument essay. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all four questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. It is also suggested that you spend approximately 10 minutes total on question 1, 20 minutes each on questions 2 and 3, and 40 minutes total on question 4. 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. You may plan your answers in this orange booklet, but no credit will be given for anything written in this booklet. **You will only earn credit for what you write in the separate Free Response booklet.**

1. (A) Describe the concept of the state.
- (B) Describe one difference between a state and a nation.
- (C) Explain one reason why a state might fail.
- (D) Explain why multinational states might face challenges in establishing legitimacy.

Begin your response to this question at the top of a new page in the separate Free Response booklet and fill in the appropriate circle at the top of each page to indicate the question number.

TRUST INDEX BAROMETER 2015–2021: MASS POPULATION



Source: Edelman Global Trust Barometer

Note: The Trust Index Barometer measures the mass population’s trust in the institutions of government, business, the media, and NGOs. Higher scores mean higher levels of trust.

2. (A) Using the data in the graph, identify the country with the lowest level of trust from 2016 to 2021.
- (B) Using the data in the graph, describe the change in the level of trust in Mexico from 2017 to 2021.
- (C) Describe political stability.
- (D) Using the data in the graph, draw a conclusion about China’s policies in maintaining political stability.
- (E) Explain what the data in the graph imply about corruption in Russia.

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3. Compare how legislative systems vary in their selection process and restrictions on their power in two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries. In your response, you should do the following:
- (A) Describe the main function of the legislative branch of government in most countries.
 - (B) Describe the selection process of members of the lower or single house of the legislative branch in two AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries.
 - (C) Explain the extent to which legislative power is formally constrained in the two AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries described in (B).

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4. Develop an argument about whether environmental issues increase or decrease political legitimacy.

Use one or more of the following course concepts in your response:

- Demographic change
- Globalization
- Sovereignty

In your response, do the following:

- ✓ Respond to the prompt with a defensible claim or thesis that establishes a line of reasoning using one or more of the provided course concepts.
- ✓ Support your claim with at least TWO pieces of specific and relevant evidence from one or more course countries. The evidence should be relevant to one or more of the provided course concepts.
- ✓ Use reasoning to explain why your evidence supports your claim or thesis, using one or more of the provided course concepts.
- ✓ Respond to an opposing or alternate perspective using refutation, concession, or rebuttal.

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