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# AP<sup>®</sup> Comparative Government and Politics

## Free-Response Questions Set 1

**COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**SECTION II**

**Time—1 hour and 30 minutes**

**4 Questions**

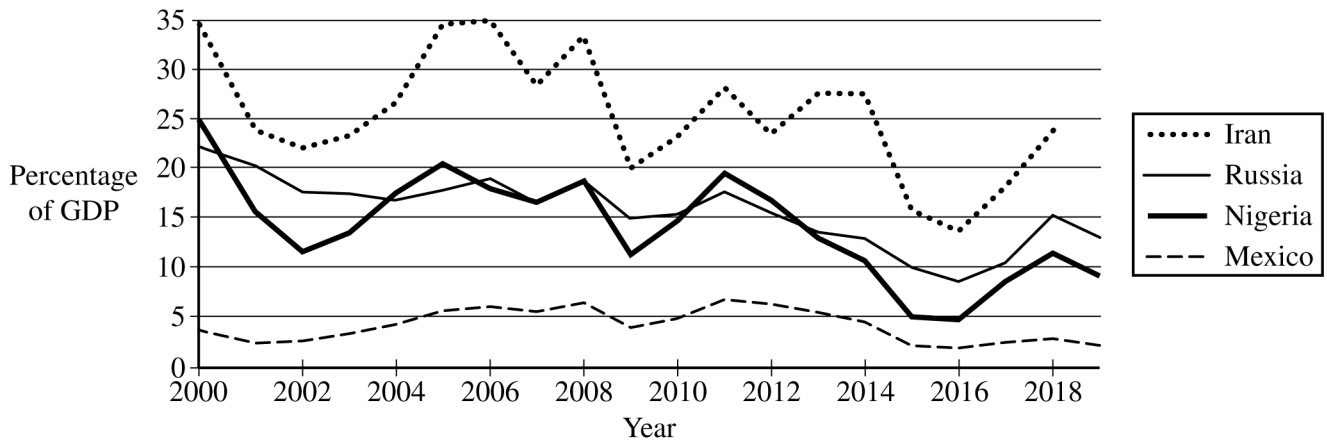
**Directions:** You have 1 hour and 30 minutes to answer one conceptual analysis question, one quantitative analysis question, one comparative analysis question, and one argument essay. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all four questions. It is suggested that you take 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 regime.
- (B) Describe one difference between authoritarian regimes and democratic regimes.
- (C) Explain how authoritarian regimes maintain legitimacy.
- (D) Explain why citizens in an authoritarian regime would turn out to vote.

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## TOTAL NATURAL RESOURCES RENTS AS PERCENTAGE OF GDP



Source: World Bank, 2018

Note: Natural resources rents are defined as revenue from natural resource production.

2. (A) Using the data in the graph, identify the country with the second highest amount of natural resources rents as a percentage of GDP in 2014.
- (B) Using the data in the graph, describe a pattern in the amount of natural resources rents as a percentage of GDP in Nigeria from 2010 to 2018.
- (C) Describe political legitimacy.
- (D) Using the data in the graph, draw a conclusion about natural resources rents in Iran.
- (E) Explain what the data in the graph imply about political legitimacy in authoritarian states.

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3. Compare how two different AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries vary in terms of the selection process of their executives and of the restrictions that exist on executive power. In your response, you should do the following:
- (A) Describe the role of the head of government.
  - (B) Describe the selection process for the head of government in two AP Comparative Government and Politics course countries.
  - (C) Explain the extent to which executive 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 as to whether populism increases or decreases political stability.

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

- Corruption
- Sovereignty
- Cleavages

In your response, you should 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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