

AP/DC U.S. Government Cumulative Exam Review

Introduction to Government and Political Culture

- government
- politics
- political efficacy
- citizenship
- digital citizenship
- autocracy
- oligarchy
- democracy
- constitutionalism
- authoritarianism
- totalitarianism
- power
- representative democracy (republic)
- direct democracy
- pluralism
- political culture
- liberty
- limited government
- laissez-faire capitalism
- equality of opportunity
- political equality
- popular sovereignty
- majority rule with minority rights

American Founding and Madisonian System

- confederate system
- federal system
- unitary system
- Declaration of Independence
- Articles of Confederation
- U.S. Constitution
- Federalist Papers
- checks and balances
- separation of powers
- federalism
- expressed (enumerated) powers
- implied powers
- reserved powers
- concurrent powers
- necessary and proper (elastic) clause
- supremacy clause
- commerce clause

- judicial review
- Marbury v. Madison* (1803)
- McCulloch v. Maryland* (1819)
- Federalists
- Anti-Federalists
- dual federalism
- cooperative federalism
- categorical grants
- block grants
- New Federalism
- devolution
- unfunded mandates
- laboratories of democracy

Institutions of Federal Government

- constituency
- incumbency
- bicameral
- apportionment
- redistricting
- House of Representatives
- Senate
- Speaker of the House
- majority leader
- minority leader
- standing committee
- joint committee
- select committee
- conference committee
- Congressional Budget Office
- House Rules Committee
- bill
- filibuster
- cloture
- logrolling
- oversight
- delegate
- trustee
- President
- veto
- executive agreement
- executive order
- signing statements
- bully pulpit
- commander-in-chief
- Cabinet

- Office of Management and Budget
- imperial presidency
- Federal Bureaucracy
- departments
- independent executive agencies
- independent regulatory commissions
- government corporations
- iron triangles
- administrative discretion
- Supreme Court
- Courts of Appeals
- District courts
- original jurisdiction
- appellate jurisdiction
- Rule of Four
- amicus curiae brief
- stare decisis
- judicial activism
- judicial restraint

Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

- Bill of Rights
- civil liberties
- selective incorporation
- due process clause (14th Amendment)
- establishment clause
- clear and present danger test
- District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008)
- prior restraint
- exclusionary rule
- Miranda* rule
- Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963)
- right to privacy
- Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965)
- Roe v. Wade* (1973)
- civil rights
- equal protection clause (14th Amendment)
- 15th Amendment
- separate but equal
- Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896)
- Brown v. Board of Education* (1954)
- women's suffrage
- 19th Amendment
- strict scrutiny (standard of review)
- intermediate scrutiny (standard of review)
- poll taxes

- literacy tests
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Voting Rights Act of 1965
- affirmative action

Political Participation, Political Ideologies, and Public Policy

- early voting
- voter registration
- political efficacy
- civic duty
- conservatism
- liberalism
- ideology
- public opinion
- political socialization
- fiscal policy
- monetary policy
- Keynesianism
- supply-side (trickle-down)
- Federal Reserve Board
- progressive tax
- regressive tax
- social insurance (payroll) tax
- budget deficit
- budget resolution
- national debt
- mandatory spending
- discretionary spending
- Social Security Act of 1935
- contributory programs
- Medicare
- non-contributory programs
- Medicaid
- entitlement programs
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- tax expenditures

Campaigns, Elections, and Political Parties

- nomination campaign
- primary election
- election campaign
- general election
- national convention
- party platform
- delegates
- Electoral College

- battleground states
- safe districts
- winner-take-all system
- Federal Election Campaign Act of 1974
- McCain-Feingold Act of 2002
- party image
- party identification
- two party system
- polarization
- divided government
- unified government
- critical election
- realignment