

TYPES OF AP GOVERNMENT MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

Here are the types of questions that typically appear on the AP test:

1. The **BASIC INFORMATION** type of question:

Since the 1970s, which long-time Democratic region of the U.S. has shifted its electoral support to the Republican Party?

- a. New England.
- b. The Far West.
- c. The Great Plains.
- d. The South.
- e. The Rocky Mountain states.

2. The **APPLICATION** type of question:

Which of these would be most likely to vote in a presidential election?

- a. An unemployed 45-year-old white male.
- b. A 54-year-old Asian with a high school education.
- c. A 34-year-old black female college professor.
- d. A 22-year-old white male college student.
- e. A 58-year-old white male carpenter.

3. The **EXCEPT** type of question:

All of these are functions of interest groups EXCEPT:

- a. Making campaign contributions.
- b. Lobbying executive branch agencies.
- c. Providing information to members of Congress.
- d. Helping members of Congress draft legislation.
- e. Nominating candidates for public office.

4. The **ROMAN NUMERAL** type of question:

Presidents have which of the following powers?

- I. Commanding the armed forces.
 - II. Appropriating funds.
 - III. Impeaching and removing public officials.
 - IV. Signing or vetoing proposed Constitutional amendments.
 - V. Removing federal judges from office.
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- a. I only.
 - b. III, IV only.
 - c. III, V only.
 - d. I, II, and IV only.
 - e. I, II, and V only.

5. The **QUOTATION** type of question:

"In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place, oblige it to control itself. A dependence on the people is, no doubt, the primary control on the government; but experience has taught mankind the necessity of auxiliary precautions."

The "auxiliary precautions" referred to in the above quotation include which of the following?

- a. Regular elections.
- b. Rule of law.
- c. Checks and balances.
- d. Majority rule with minority rights.
- e. Popular sovereignty.

6. The **GRAPHICS** type of question:

TABLE 9.3	1994 Campaign Spending by Democratic House Incumbents and Republican Challengers	AVERAGE CAMPAIGN SPENDING BY:	
		DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT	REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER
	Democrat won with over 70% of the vote	\$373,524	\$23,881
	Democrat won with between 60 and 70% of the vote	\$455,136	\$109,542
	Democrat won with less than 60% of the vote	\$693,978	\$268,203
	Democrat lost	\$943,588	\$612,588

Which of these is suggested by the table above?

- a. Democrats won a majority of seats in the House in 1994.
- b. Republican challengers had no chance of winning House seats in 1994.
- c. Poorly-financed Republican challengers had a difficult time of winning House seats in 1994.
- d. Republican incumbents were outspent by Democratic incumbents in 1994.
- e. Democratic incumbents who won by large margins spent more than Democratic incumbents who won by smaller margins.