

**UNIT 5 AP® UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

SECTION II

Time – 25 minutes

Directions: You have 100 minutes to answer all four of the following questions. 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. Spend approximately one-fourth of your time (25 minutes) on each question. In your response, use substantive examples where appropriate. Make certain to number each of your answers as the question is numbered below.

3. In the 1970's, in order to limit the power of the President and to reassert congressional authority in the policy-making process, Congress passed the following:
- The War Powers Act
 - The Budget and Impoundment Control Act
- (a) Describe the provisions of each of these two legislative acts.
- (b) Evaluate the extent to which each act has affected the balance of power between the presidency and Congress.
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Question 3 (1998)

6 POINTS POSSIBLE

Part (a): 2 points for description of both provisions. 1 point if only one is described.

War Powers Resolution/Act of 1973:

- Requires the President to consult with Congress before using military force
- Mandates withdrawal of forces (after 60 days) unless Congress declares war or grants an extension.
- Congress may pass a concurrent resolution ending participation in hostilities

Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974:

- Established a fixed budget calendar
- Established the CBO
- Established a Budget Committee in each house
- Dealt with impoundment issues/established procedures for deferrals and rescissions
- Change in fiscal year

Part (b): 4 points possible (2 points for each evaluation)

2 points for evaluation of War Powers Resolution/Act

- 0 points: No or incorrect evaluation
- 1 point: Correct, but undeveloped evaluation
- 2 points: Correct evaluation with elaboration

Some examples, but there may be more:

- WPR does not limit President much, nor Congress when it is convenient to ignore
- President goes through the motions of submitting to Congress
- Each branch asserts the WPR when it is convenient
- Question of constitutionality of WPR

2 points for evaluation of Budget and Impoundment Control Act

- 0 points: No or incorrect evaluation
- 1 point: Correct, but undeveloped evaluation
- 2 points: Correct evaluation with elaboration

Some examples, but there may be more:

- Designed to strengthen Congress
- Internal congressional reforms
- CBO
- Budget Committees
- Greater budget process discipline for both institutions has resulted
- Government shutdown/gridlock

Note: Student may receive 1 point for a general discussion of how the balance of power between the presidency and Congress has been affected by the legislation.

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

A score of dash (-) is earned for a blank or off-task answer.