

**UNIT 2 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.

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3. Many scholars and observers have argued that the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution has become the single most important act in all of United States politics.
- (a) Identify which provision of the Fourteenth Amendment was applied in one of the following Supreme Court cases. For the case you select, explain the significance of the decision in United States politics.
- *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas (1954)*
  - *Baker v. Carr (1962)*
  - *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke (1978)*
- (b) Identify which provision of the Fourteenth Amendment was applied in one of the following Supreme Court cases. For the case you select, explain the significance of the decision in United States politics.
- *Mapp v. Ohio (1961)*
  - *Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)*
  - *Miranda v. Arizona (1966)*
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UNIT 2 SCORING GUIDELINES**

**Question 3 (2001)**

**6 POINTS POSSIBLE**

**Part (a):** 3 points possible

**Part (b):** 3 points possible

**Part (a): 3 points**

Identification:

**(1 point)** Identification of the "provision." Must use "equal protection."

Explanation:

**(1 point)** Factual statement about the holding.

**(1 point)** Explanation of the significance or impact of the case in United States politics.

Must go beyond the holding of the case

- For example: "led to Civil Rights movement"
- NOT credited: "Brown led to desegregation of public schools"

**Part (b): 3 points**

Identification:

**(1 point)** Identification of the "provision." Must use "due process."

Explanation:

**(1 point)** Factual statement about the holding.

**(1 point)** Explanation of the significance or impact of the case in United States politics.

Must go beyond holding of the case

- NOT credited: "All police must read Miranda rights"

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.